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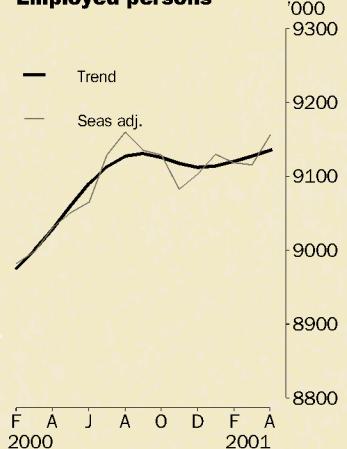
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LABOUR FORCE

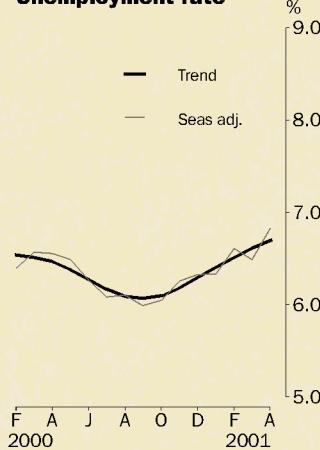
**AUSTRALIA
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Employed persons



Unemployment rate



INQUIRIES

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APRIL KEY FIGURES

TREND

	Mar 2001	Apr 2001	monthly change
Employed persons ('000)	9 127.5	9 135.3	0.1 %
Unemployed persons ('000)	646.3	655.5	1.4 %
Unemployment rate (%)	6.6	6.7	0.1 pts
Participation rate (%)	63.6	63.7	0.1 pts

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	Mar 2001	Apr 2001	monthly change
Employed persons ('000)	9 115.5	9 155.6	40.1
Unemployed persons ('000)	632.6	670.8	38.2
Unemployment rate (%)	6.5	6.8	0.3 pts
Participation rate (%)	63.5	63.9	0.4 pts

APRIL KEY POINTS

TREND ESTIMATES

EMPLOYMENT

- increased to 9,135,300.

UNEMPLOYMENT

- increased to 655,500.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

- increased to 6.7%.

PARTICIPATION RATE

- increased to 63.7%.

NOTE!
Estimates for prior periods have been revised. See 'Changes this month' on page 2.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

EMPLOYMENT

- increased by 40,100 to 9,155,600. Full-time employment fell by 40,400 to 6,662,700 while part-time employment rose by 80,500 to 2,492,900.

UNEMPLOYMENT

- increased by 38,200 to 670,800. The number of persons looking for full-time work rose by 28,000 to 498,600 and the number of persons looking for part-time work increased by 10,200 to 172,200.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

- increased by 0.3 percentage points to 6.8%. The male rate increased by 0.4 percentage points to 7.1% and the female rate increased by 0.3 points to 6.4%.
- NSW 5.7% (5.4% last month); Vic 6.3% (6.2%); Qld 9.0% (8.5%); SA 7.5% (6.9%); WA 7.0% (7.0%); Tas 9.2% (8.2%).

PARTICIPATION RATE

- increased by 0.4 percentage points to 63.9%.

N O T E S

FORTHCOMING ISSUES

ISSUE	RELEASE DATE
May 2001	07 June 2001
June 2001	12 July 2001
July 2001	09 August 2001
August 2001	13 September 2001
September 2001	11 October 2001
October 2001	08 November 2001

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CHANGES THIS MONTH

The April 2001 Labour Force Survey was conducted using a redesigned questionnaire containing additional data items and some minor definitional changes. Although the impact on core labour force series has been minor, revisions have been made to estimates previously published in this publication to ensure continuity. The revised series were released on 3 May 2001. *Information Paper: Implementing the Redesigned Labour Force Survey Questionnaire* (Cat. no. 6295.0) contains further information about the questionnaire changes and the revised series.

For details on the content of the redesigned questionnaire, see *Information Paper: Questionnaires Used in the Labour Force Survey* (Cat. no. 6232.0), released today.



SAMPLING ERRORS

The estimates in this publication are based on a sample survey. Because the entire population is not enumerated, the published estimates and the movements derived from them are subject to sampling variability. Standard errors give a measure of this variability and appear on pages 31 and 32.

The 95% confidence intervals below provide another way of looking at the variability inherent in estimates from sample surveys. The interval bounded by the two limits is the 95% confidence interval. A 95% confidence interval indicates that we are 95% confident that the upper and lower limits enclose the true value of the estimate.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA SERIES	MOVEMENTS MARCH 2001 TO APRIL 2001		
	Monthly change	95% Confidence interval	
Total employment	40 100	3 700	to 76 500
Total unemployment	38 200	23 800	to 52 600
Unemployment rate	0.3 pts	0.1 pts	to 0.5 pts
Participation rate	0.4 pts	0.2 pts	to 0.6 pts

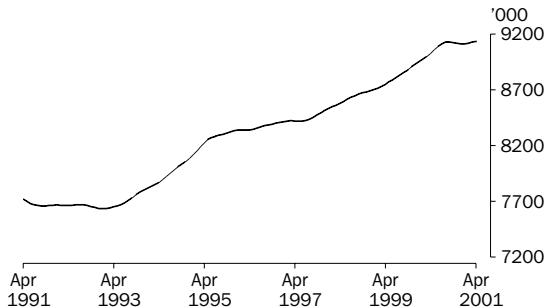
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PRINCIPAL LABOUR FORCE SERIES: Trend estimates

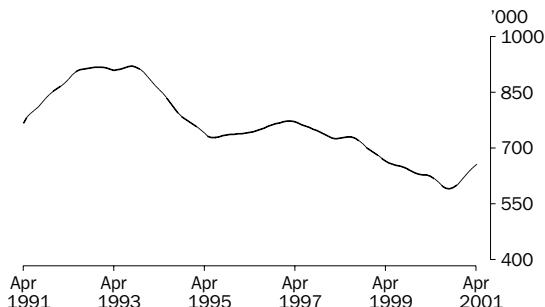
EMPLOYED PERSONS

The trend estimate of employed persons rose strongly from a low of 7,634,000 in January 1993 until mid 1995. The trend then continued to rise at a slower rate until June 1997, before showing stronger growth reaching 9,130,500 in September 2000. Since then the trend has increased slightly to stand at 9,135,300 in April 2001.



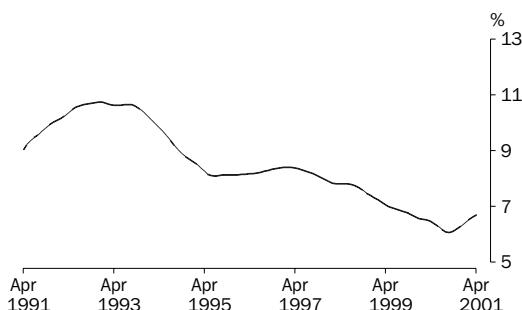
UNEMPLOYED PERSONS

The trend estimate of unemployed persons peaked at 920,500 in September 1993, before falling rapidly to 728,300 in July 1995. The trend then rose slowly reaching 771,600 in March 1997, before falling to 589,600 in September 2000. Since then the trend has risen to stand at 655,500 in April 2001.



UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

After reaching a high of 10.7% in late 1992, the trend unemployment rate remained steady for twelve months, before falling rapidly to 8.1% in July 1995. The trend then rose slowly until February 1997, before falling to 6.1% in September 2000. The trend estimate has risen over the last seven months to stand at 6.7% in April 2001.

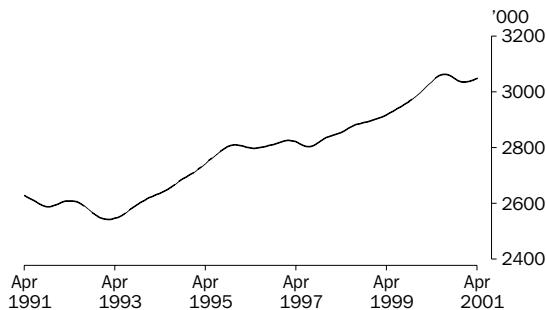


STATES: Trend estimates

EMPLOYED PERSONS

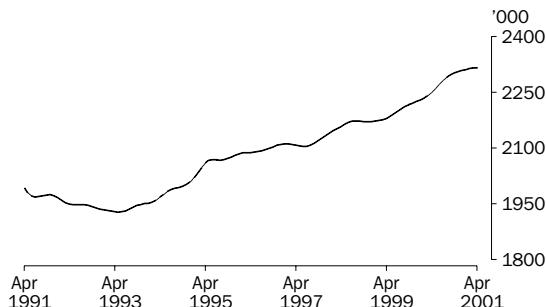
NEW SOUTH WALES

From a low of 2,542,400 in February 1993, the trend estimate of employment in New South Wales rose rapidly to 2,810,100 in December 1995. Over the next two years, the trend remained relatively stable. The trend then rose steadily to reach 3,062,100 in July 2000, but then generally decreased to stand at 3,048,700 in April 2001.



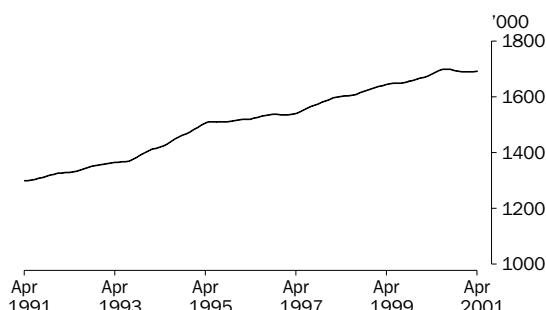
VICTORIA

The trend estimate of employment in Victoria rose strongly from a low of 1,927,800 in May 1993, to 2,069,300 in June 1995. Growth then slowed until mid 1997. It has since increased steadily to stand at 2,315,700 in April 2001.



QUEENSLAND

The trend estimate of employment in Queensland has generally been rising since April 1991. The strongest growth over this period was recorded between mid 1993 and mid 1995. The trend reached 1,699,400 in August 2000, but has since decreased slightly and stood at 1,691,500 in April 2001.

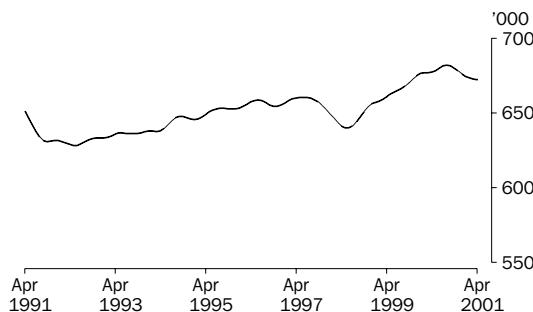


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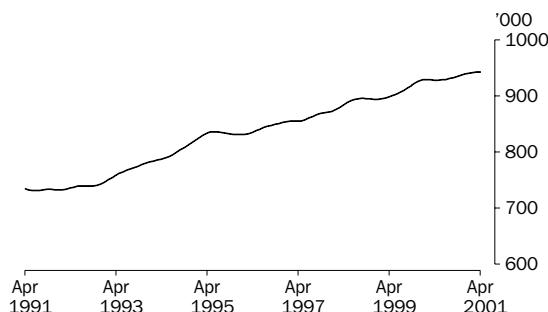
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

From a low of 628,100 in May 1992, the trend estimate of employment in South Australia, although fluctuating, generally rose to a high of 682,000 in August 2000. The trend estimate has since fallen and stands at 672,300 in April 2001.



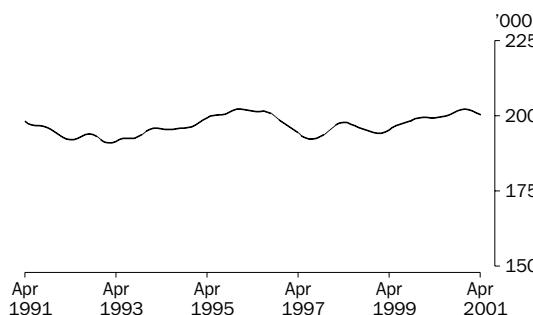
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The trend estimate of employment in Western Australia had generally been rising since July 1991, when it stood at 731,300. The strongest period of growth in the trend occurred between late 1992 and mid 1995. The growth of the trend estimate has slowed since January 2000, to stand at 943,100 in April 2001.



TASMANIA

After falling to a low of 190,900 in February 1993, the trend estimate of employment in Tasmania rose to a high of 202,300 in January 1996. The trend then fell to 192,200 in August 1997. Since then the estimate has generally been increasing. The trend stood at 200,300 in April 2001.



LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 AND OVER): Original

EMPLOYED.....

UNEMPLOYED.....

	EMPLOYED.....			UNEMPLOYED.....			Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 and over	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	Full time	Part time	Total	'000	'000	Total					
<i>Month</i>	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%
MALES											
2000											
February	4 424.1	620.9	5 045.0	321.3	59.0	380.3	5 425.3	2 031.9	7 457.2	7.0	72.8
March	4 394.4	650.6	5 045.1	306.8	63.2	370.0	5 415.1	2 051.2	7 466.4	6.8	72.5
April	4 404.9	672.2	5 077.0	290.8	62.2	353.1	5 430.1	2 045.4	7 475.5	6.5	72.6
May	4 410.3	664.7	5 075.0	294.8	54.7	349.5	5 424.4	2 060.2	7 484.6	6.4	72.5
June	4 436.7	656.0	5 092.6	287.3	49.9	337.2	5 429.9	2 063.9	7 493.8	6.2	72.5
July	4 484.7	664.2	5 148.8	271.6	48.9	320.6	5 469.4	2 033.6	7 503.0	5.9	72.9
August	4 401.6	667.3	5 068.9	290.9	50.0	340.8	5 409.8	2 102.5	7 512.2	6.3	72.0
September	4 471.1	677.7	5 148.8	294.9	58.3	353.2	5 502.0	2 019.5	7 521.5	6.4	73.2
October	4 449.1	679.8	5 128.9	282.3	48.1	330.4	5 459.3	2 070.4	7 529.8	6.1	72.5
November	4 432.0	660.6	5 092.6	296.1	46.9	343.1	5 435.7	2 102.3	7 538.0	6.3	72.1
December	4 512.4	663.7	5 176.1	304.7	60.4	365.1	5 541.2	2 005.1	7 546.3	6.6	73.4
2001											
January	4 391.9	667.2	5 059.1	337.4	55.2	392.6	5 451.7	2 102.9	7 554.6	7.2	72.2
February	4 416.5	661.7	5 078.1	352.8	62.2	415.0	5 493.2	2 069.7	7 562.9	7.6	72.6
March	4 379.0	690.8	5 069.8	318.5	65.7	384.2	5 454.0	2 117.1	7 571.1	7.0	72.0
April	4 388.8	712.8	5 101.7	322.1	63.3	385.4	5 487.1	2 092.4	7 579.4	7.0	72.4
FEMALES											
2000											
February	2 189.8	1 699.4	3 889.2	199.5	106.9	306.4	4 195.6	3 484.9	7 680.5	7.3	54.6
March	2 201.8	1 727.0	3 928.8	196.5	108.1	304.6	4 233.4	3 455.3	7 688.7	7.2	55.1
April	2 213.1	1 739.0	3 952.1	180.2	98.8	279.0	4 231.1	3 465.9	7 697.0	6.6	55.0
May	2 201.5	1 755.8	3 957.4	183.8	90.8	274.6	4 232.0	3 473.4	7 705.3	6.5	54.9
June	2 222.9	1 761.0	3 984.0	150.4	94.8	245.2	4 229.2	3 484.5	7 713.7	5.8	54.8
July	2 297.1	1 739.9	4 037.0	143.7	78.1	221.8	4 258.8	3 463.8	7 722.7	5.2	55.1
August	2 233.5	1 768.4	4 001.9	147.3	86.3	233.6	4 235.5	3 496.1	7 731.6	5.5	54.8
September	2 295.7	1 779.8	4 075.6	151.6	91.8	243.5	4 319.0	3 421.7	7 740.7	5.6	55.8
October	2 276.8	1 744.9	4 021.7	143.0	84.1	227.2	4 248.9	3 499.6	7 748.5	5.3	54.8
November	2 267.3	1 726.8	3 994.1	152.8	81.2	234.0	4 228.1	3 528.1	7 756.2	5.5	54.5
December	2 313.5	1 751.5	4 065.0	167.0	85.0	252.0	4 317.0	3 447.0	7 764.0	5.8	55.6
2001											
January	2 265.8	1 659.4	3 925.2	166.9	88.5	255.4	4 180.6	3 590.9	7 771.5	6.1	53.8
February	2 286.8	1 705.1	3 991.8	189.9	116.6	306.6	4 298.4	3 480.5	7 778.9	7.1	55.3
March	2 284.9	1 736.2	4 021.0	169.6	121.7	291.3	4 312.4	3 474.1	7 786.4	6.8	55.4
April	2 240.1	1 813.8	4 053.9	169.9	113.9	283.8	4 337.7	3 456.5	7 794.1	6.5	55.7
PERSONS											
2000											
February	6 613.8	2 320.3	8 934.1	520.9	165.9	686.8	9 620.9	5 516.8	15 137.7	7.1	63.6
March	6 596.3	2 377.6	8 973.9	503.4	171.3	674.7	9 648.6	5 506.5	15 155.1	7.0	63.7
April	6 618.0	2 411.1	9 029.1	471.0	161.0	632.0	9 661.2	5 511.4	15 172.5	6.5	63.7
May	6 611.8	2 420.5	9 032.3	478.6	145.5	624.0	9 656.4	5 533.6	15 190.0	6.5	63.6
June	6 659.6	2 417.0	9 076.6	437.7	144.7	582.4	9 659.1	5 548.4	15 207.5	6.0	63.5
July	6 781.8	2 404.1	9 185.9	415.3	127.1	542.4	9 728.2	5 497.5	15 225.7	5.6	63.9
August	6 635.1	2 435.7	9 070.8	438.2	136.3	574.5	9 645.3	5 598.6	15 243.9	6.0	63.3
September	6 766.8	2 457.6	9 224.3	446.6	150.1	596.7	9 821.0	5 441.2	15 262.2	6.1	64.3
October	6 725.9	2 424.7	9 150.6	425.3	132.2	557.6	9 708.2	5 570.0	15 278.2	5.7	63.5
November	6 699.3	2 387.4	9 086.7	449.0	128.1	577.1	9 663.8	5 630.4	15 294.3	6.0	63.2
December	6 825.9	2 415.2	9 241.1	471.8	145.4	617.1	9 858.2	5 452.1	15 310.3	6.3	64.4
2001											
January	6 657.7	2 326.6	8 984.3	504.3	143.7	648.0	9 632.3	5 693.8	15 326.1	6.7	62.8
February	6 703.3	2 366.7	9 070.0	542.7	178.8	721.6	9 791.6	5 550.2	15 341.8	7.4	63.8
March	6 663.9	2 427.0	9 090.8	488.1	187.5	675.5	9 766.4	5 591.2	15 357.6	6.9	63.6
April	6 628.9	2 526.6	9 155.5	492.0	177.2	669.2	9 824.8	5 548.8	15 373.6	6.8	63.9

LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 AND OVER): Seasonally adjusted

EMPLOYED.....

UNEMPLOYED.....

	EMPLOYED.....			UNEMPLOYED.....			Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate	Partic- ipation rate
	Full time	Part time	Total	Looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total			
Month	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%
MALES									
2000									
February	4 411.6	646.3	5 057.8	294.9	53.6	348.5	5 406.4	6.4	72.5
March	4 411.4	644.5	5 055.9	300.5	54.8	355.3	5 411.2	6.6	72.5
April	4 423.5	657.3	5 080.8	298.7	59.5	358.2	5 439.0	6.6	72.8
May	4 436.4	652.2	5 088.6	298.6	54.7	353.3	5 441.9	6.5	72.7
June	4 454.3	633.0	5 087.2	295.3	56.3	351.5	5 438.8	6.5	72.6
July	4 453.6	670.4	5 124.0	286.2	57.8	344.1	5 468.1	6.3	72.9
August	4 449.5	667.4	5 116.9	294.5	55.3	349.8	5 466.7	6.4	72.8
September	4 451.4	671.8	5 123.2	290.4	52.8	343.2	5 466.4	6.3	72.7
October	4 440.6	676.2	5 116.8	298.5	51.2	349.7	5 466.5	6.4	72.6
November	4 436.7	671.6	5 108.2	303.6	51.8	355.5	5 463.7	6.5	72.5
December	4 436.2	670.2	5 106.4	305.6	55.0	360.7	5 467.1	6.6	72.4
2001									
January	4 409.7	686.2	5 095.9	309.6	54.6	364.2	5 460.1	6.7	72.3
February	4 403.9	687.9	5 091.8	323.8	56.3	380.2	5 472.0	6.9	72.4
March	4 395.6	684.5	5 080.1	312.0	57.1	369.1	5 449.2	6.8	72.0
April	4 407.2	696.9	5 104.1	331.1	60.4	391.5	5 495.6	7.1	72.5
FEMALES									
2000									
February	2 189.4	1 734.3	3 923.6	175.0	90.4	265.4	4 189.0	6.3	54.5
March	2 223.2	1 718.4	3 941.7	184.0	93.2	277.1	4 218.8	6.6	54.9
April	2 228.4	1 721.9	3 950.3	177.7	97.1	274.9	4 225.1	6.5	54.9
May	2 231.3	1 730.7	3 962.0	184.6	90.0	274.5	4 236.5	6.5	55.0
June	2 248.6	1 729.0	3 977.5	157.8	96.1	253.9	4 231.4	6.0	54.9
July	2 260.8	1 744.0	4 004.8	159.0	88.3	247.3	4 252.1	5.8	55.1
August	2 270.1	1 773.6	4 043.7	157.5	88.3	245.8	4 289.5	5.7	55.5
September	2 279.0	1 733.4	4 012.3	152.3	86.7	239.0	4 251.4	5.6	54.9
October	2 269.6	1 742.7	4 012.3	150.4	87.4	237.8	4 250.1	5.6	54.9
November	2 269.5	1 705.3	3 974.8	161.0	89.5	250.5	4 225.3	5.9	54.5
December	2 246.8	1 749.6	3 996.5	162.9	91.2	254.1	4 250.6	6.0	54.7
2001									
January	2 261.1	1 773.3	4 034.4	156.3	96.4	252.7	4 287.1	5.9	55.2
February	2 286.0	1 740.3	4 026.3	166.7	98.7	265.5	4 291.8	6.2	55.2
March	2 307.5	1 727.9	4 035.4	158.6	104.9	263.5	4 298.9	6.1	55.2
April	2 255.6	1 795.9	4 051.5	167.5	111.8	279.3	4 330.8	6.4	55.6
PERSONS									
2000									
February	6 600.9	2 380.5	8 981.5	469.9	144.0	613.9	9 595.4	6.4	63.4
March	6 634.6	2 362.9	8 997.6	484.5	148.0	632.5	9 630.0	6.6	63.5
April	6 651.9	2 379.2	9 031.1	476.4	156.7	633.1	9 664.1	6.6	63.7
May	6 667.7	2 382.9	9 050.6	483.2	144.6	627.8	9 678.4	6.5	63.7
June	6 702.8	2 361.9	9 064.8	453.1	152.3	605.4	9 670.2	6.3	63.6
July	6 714.4	2 414.4	9 128.8	445.3	146.1	591.4	9 720.2	6.1	63.8
August	6 719.6	2 441.0	9 160.6	452.0	143.5	595.6	9 756.2	6.1	64.0
September	6 730.4	2 405.1	9 135.5	442.7	139.5	582.2	9 717.7	6.0	63.7
October	6 710.2	2 418.9	9 129.1	448.9	138.6	587.5	9 716.7	6.0	63.6
November	6 706.2	2 376.8	9 083.0	464.7	141.3	606.0	9 689.0	6.3	63.4
December	6 683.0	2 419.8	9 102.9	468.6	146.2	614.8	9 717.7	6.3	63.5
2001									
January	6 670.8	2 459.5	9 130.3	466.0	150.9	616.9	9 747.2	6.3	63.6
February	6 689.9	2 428.2	9 118.1	490.6	155.1	645.7	9 763.7	6.6	63.6
March	6 703.1	2 412.4	9 115.5	470.6	162.0	632.6	9 748.1	6.5	63.5
April	6 662.7	2 492.9	9 155.6	498.6	172.2	670.8	9 826.4	6.8	63.9

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March	4 415.3	646.2	5 061.5	300.5	54.7	355.2	5 416.7	6.6	72.5
April	4 426.9	648.8	5 075.6	297.7	56.1	353.7	5 429.4	6.5	72.6
May	4 437.7	651.5	5 089.2	295.1	56.8	351.9	5 441.0	6.5	72.7
June	4 446.0	655.1	5 101.2	293.1	56.6	349.8	5 450.9	6.4	72.7
July	4 451.0	659.7	5 110.7	292.3	55.8	348.1	5 458.8	6.4	72.8
August	4 452.3	664.6	5 116.9	292.3	54.6	346.9	5 463.7	6.3	72.7
September	4 450.0	669.1	5 119.1	293.9	53.6	347.4	5 466.6	6.4	72.7
October	4 443.9	672.7	5 116.7	297.2	52.9	350.1	5 466.8	6.4	72.6
November	4 435.4	675.5	5 110.8	301.8	52.9	354.7	5 465.6	6.5	72.5
December	4 426.0	677.8	5 103.8	306.8	53.7	360.5	5 464.4	6.6	72.4
2001									
January	4 417.0	681.1	5 098.2	311.7	54.9	366.7	5 464.9	6.7	72.3
February	4 409.1	685.1	5 094.2	316.4	56.3	372.7	5 466.9	6.8	72.3
March	4 402.6	688.8	5 091.4	320.8	57.6	378.5	5 469.9	6.9	72.3
April	4 398.1	692.1	5 090.3	324.3	58.8	383.1	5 473.4	7.0	72.2
FEMALES									
2000									
February	2 207.9	1 720.2	3 928.1	178.9	92.2	271.1	4 199.1	6.5	54.7
March	2 215.9	1 722.5	3 938.4	178.7	93.1	271.9	4 210.2	6.5	54.8
April	2 225.7	1 726.5	3 952.2	177.0	93.5	270.5	4 222.7	6.4	54.9
May	2 237.4	1 732.6	3 970.0	172.9	93.0	265.9	4 235.9	6.3	55.0
June	2 249.6	1 738.8	3 988.4	167.0	91.8	258.8	4 247.1	6.1	55.1
July	2 260.4	1 742.2	4 002.6	161.1	90.1	251.2	4 253.8	5.9	55.1
August	2 267.0	1 743.2	4 010.2	156.5	88.5	245.0	4 255.2	5.8	55.0
September	2 268.6	1 742.7	4 011.4	154.5	87.6	242.1	4 253.5	5.7	55.0
October	2 268.2	1 740.5	4 008.7	154.9	87.8	242.7	4 251.4	5.7	54.9
November	2 267.4	1 739.0	4 006.4	156.8	89.4	246.3	4 252.6	5.8	54.8
December	2 268.0	1 740.4	4 008.3	159.0	92.4	251.4	4 259.7	5.9	54.9
2001									
January	2 270.6	1 745.1	4 015.7	160.8	96.2	257.0	4 272.7	6.0	55.0
February	2 274.2	1 751.7	4 025.8	162.4	100.2	262.5	4 288.4	6.1	55.1
March	2 277.2	1 758.8	4 036.1	163.7	104.1	267.8	4 303.9	6.2	55.3
April	2 279.8	1 765.2	4 045.0	164.7	107.6	272.4	4 317.4	6.3	55.4
PERSONS									
2000									
February	6 612.4	2 362.9	8 975.2	482.5	145.4	627.9	9 603.2	6.5	63.4
March	6 631.2	2 368.7	8 999.9	479.2	147.9	627.1	9 627.0	6.5	63.5
April	6 652.6	2 375.3	9 027.9	474.7	149.6	624.3	9 652.1	6.5	63.6
May	6 675.1	2 384.1	9 059.2	468.0	149.8	617.8	9 676.9	6.4	63.7
June	6 695.7	2 393.9	9 089.5	460.1	148.4	608.5	9 698.1	6.3	63.8
July	6 711.4	2 401.9	9 113.3	453.4	145.9	599.3	9 712.6	6.2	63.8
August	6 719.3	2 407.8	9 127.0	448.8	143.2	591.9	9 719.0	6.1	63.8
September	6 718.6	2 411.9	9 130.5	448.4	141.2	589.6	9 720.1	6.1	63.7
October	6 712.2	2 413.2	9 125.4	452.1	140.7	592.8	9 718.2	6.1	63.6
November	6 702.7	2 414.5	9 117.2	458.6	142.4	601.0	9 718.2	6.2	63.5
December	6 694.0	2 418.2	9 112.2	465.9	146.1	611.9	9 724.1	6.3	63.5
2001									
January	6 687.6	2 426.2	9 113.9	472.6	151.1	623.7	9 737.5	6.4	63.5
February	6 683.2	2 436.7	9 120.0	478.8	156.5	635.3	9 755.3	6.5	63.6
March	6 679.8	2 447.7	9 127.5	484.5	161.7	646.3	9 773.7	6.6	63.6
April	6 677.9	2 457.3	9 135.3	489.0	166.5	655.5	9 790.7	6.7	63.7

(a) Trend estimates for October 2000 to March 2001 have been revised since the historical revision on 3 May 2001 (see Changes This Month on page 2).

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: Original

Month	NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS.....					UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.....					UNEMPLOYMENT TO POPULATION RATIO	
	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
MALES												
2000												
February	44.9	276.4	321.3	59.0	380.3	22.0	6.1	6.8	8.7	7.0	6.5	4.1
March	38.9	267.9	306.8	63.2	370.0	21.3	5.9	6.5	8.9	6.8	5.7	4.0
April	34.9	256.0	290.8	62.2	353.1	18.6	5.7	6.2	8.5	6.5	5.1	3.8
May	33.6	261.2	294.8	54.7	349.5	18.7	5.8	6.3	7.6	6.4	4.9	3.8
June	32.2	255.1	287.3	49.9	337.2	17.7	5.6	6.1	7.1	6.2	4.7	3.7
July	32.0	239.6	271.6	48.9	320.6	16.7	5.3	5.7	6.9	5.9	4.6	3.5
August	30.4	260.4	290.9	50.0	340.8	18.2	5.8	6.2	7.0	6.3	4.4	3.8
September	31.1	263.8	294.9	58.3	353.2	17.6	5.7	6.2	7.9	6.4	4.5	3.9
October	31.9	250.4	282.3	48.1	330.4	18.8	5.5	6.0	6.6	6.1	4.6	3.7
November	40.4	255.7	296.1	46.9	343.1	22.4	5.6	6.3	6.6	6.3	5.8	3.7
December	46.0	258.7	304.7	60.4	365.1	22.1	5.6	6.3	8.3	6.6	6.6	3.8
2001												
January	52.9	284.6	337.4	55.2	392.6	26.0	6.3	7.1	7.6	7.2	7.6	4.1
February	55.3	297.6	352.8	62.2	415.0	28.0	6.5	7.4	8.6	7.6	8.0	4.3
March	43.8	274.7	318.5	65.7	384.2	24.2	6.1	6.8	8.7	7.0	6.3	4.0
April	43.3	278.8	322.1	63.3	385.4	23.3	6.2	6.8	8.2	7.0	6.2	4.1
FEMALES												
2000												
February	31.4	168.2	199.5	106.9	306.4	24.9	7.4	8.4	5.9	7.3	4.8	2.4
March	27.8	168.7	196.5	108.1	304.6	24.7	7.4	8.2	5.9	7.2	4.2	2.4
April	28.6	151.6	180.2	98.8	279.0	25.1	6.7	7.5	5.4	6.6	4.3	2.2
May	31.7	152.1	183.8	90.8	274.6	27.3	6.7	7.7	4.9	6.5	4.8	2.2
June	25.8	124.6	150.4	94.8	245.2	23.6	5.5	6.3	5.1	5.8	3.9	1.8
July	25.3	118.4	143.7	78.1	221.8	21.4	5.1	5.9	4.3	5.2	3.8	1.7
August	23.6	123.7	147.3	86.3	233.6	21.5	5.4	6.2	4.7	5.5	3.6	1.7
September	21.9	129.8	151.6	91.8	243.5	20.1	5.5	6.2	4.9	5.6	3.3	1.8
October	19.3	123.7	143.0	84.1	227.2	18.5	5.3	5.9	4.6	5.3	2.9	1.7
November	23.0	129.8	152.8	81.2	234.0	21.0	5.6	6.3	4.5	5.5	3.5	1.8
December	33.4	133.6	167.0	85.0	252.0	24.5	5.7	6.7	4.6	5.8	5.1	1.9
2001												
January	30.3	136.6	166.9	88.5	255.4	22.0	6.0	6.9	5.1	6.1	4.6	1.9
February	36.7	153.3	189.9	116.6	306.6	27.3	6.5	7.7	6.4	7.1	5.5	2.2
March	26.9	142.7	169.6	121.7	291.3	24.1	6.1	6.9	6.6	6.8	4.1	2.0
PERSONS												
2000												
February	76.3	444.6	520.9	165.9	686.8	23.1	6.5	7.3	6.7	7.1	5.7	3.2
March	66.8	436.6	503.4	171.3	674.7	22.6	6.4	7.1	6.7	7.0	5.0	3.2
April	63.4	407.6	471.0	161.0	632.0	21.0	6.0	6.6	6.3	6.5	4.7	2.9
May	65.4	413.2	478.6	145.5	624.0	22.1	6.1	6.7	5.7	6.5	4.8	3.0
June	58.0	379.7	437.7	144.7	582.4	19.9	5.6	6.2	5.6	6.0	4.3	2.7
July	57.3	358.0	415.3	127.1	542.4	18.5	5.2	5.8	5.0	5.6	4.2	2.6
August	54.0	384.2	438.2	136.3	574.5	19.5	5.7	6.2	5.3	6.0	4.0	2.8
September	52.9	393.6	446.6	150.1	596.7	18.6	5.7	6.2	5.8	6.1	3.9	2.8
October	51.3	374.1	425.3	132.2	557.6	18.7	5.4	5.9	5.2	5.7	3.8	2.7
November	63.5	385.5	449.0	128.1	577.1	21.9	5.6	6.3	5.1	6.0	4.7	2.8
December	79.4	392.3	471.8	145.4	617.1	23.1	5.6	6.5	5.7	6.3	5.9	2.8
2001												
January	83.2	421.1	504.3	143.7	648.0	24.4	6.2	7.0	5.8	6.7	6.1	3.0
February	91.9	450.8	542.7	178.8	721.6	27.7	6.5	7.5	7.0	7.4	6.8	3.2
March	70.7	417.4	488.1	187.5	675.5	24.2	6.1	6.8	7.2	6.9	5.2	3.0
April	69.5	422.5	492.0	177.2	669.2	23.2	6.2	6.9	6.6	6.8	5.1	3.0

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: Seasonally adjusted

	NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS....					UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.....					UNEMPLOYMENT TO POPULATION RATIO	
	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work
Month	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
MALES												
2000												
February	40.5	254.4	294.9	53.6	348.5	21.2	5.6	6.3	7.7	6.4	5.9	3.8
March	38.1	262.4	300.5	54.8	355.3	20.8	5.8	6.4	7.8	6.6	5.5	3.9
April	35.9	262.8	298.7	59.5	358.2	19.0	5.8	6.3	8.3	6.6	5.2	3.9
May	35.0	263.6	298.6	54.7	353.3	18.7	5.8	6.3	7.7	6.5	5.1	3.9
June	33.7	261.5	295.3	56.3	351.5	17.3	5.7	6.2	8.2	6.5	4.9	3.8
July	35.2	251.1	286.2	57.8	344.1	18.6	5.5	6.0	7.9	6.3	5.1	3.7
August	34.6	259.9	294.5	55.3	349.8	19.1	5.7	6.2	7.6	6.4	5.0	3.8
September	34.0	256.4	290.4	52.8	343.2	18.7	5.6	6.1	7.3	6.3	4.9	3.8
October	36.4	262.1	298.5	51.2	349.7	20.5	5.7	6.3	7.0	6.4	5.3	3.8
November	43.2	260.4	303.6	51.8	355.5	22.9	5.7	6.4	7.2	6.5	6.2	3.8
December	37.9	267.8	305.6	55.0	360.7	20.4	5.9	6.4	7.6	6.6	5.5	3.9
2001												
January	42.3	267.4	309.6	54.6	364.2	23.4	5.9	6.6	7.4	6.7	6.1	3.9
February	49.8	274.0	323.8	56.3	380.2	27.1	6.0	6.8	7.6	6.9	7.2	4.0
March	42.8	269.2	312.0	57.1	369.1	23.7	5.9	6.6	7.7	6.8	6.2	3.9
April	44.6	286.5	331.1	60.4	391.5	23.7	6.3	7.0	8.0	7.1	6.4	4.2
FEMALES												
2000												
February	27.2	147.8	175.0	90.4	265.4	23.5	6.6	7.4	5.0	6.3	4.1	2.1
March	27.5	156.4	184.0	93.2	277.1	23.8	6.8	7.6	5.1	6.6	4.2	2.2
April	28.9	148.8	177.7	97.1	274.9	24.7	6.5	7.4	5.3	6.5	4.4	2.1
May	31.0	153.5	184.6	90.0	274.5	25.6	6.7	7.6	4.9	6.5	4.7	2.2
June	29.3	128.5	157.8	96.1	253.9	24.7	5.6	6.6	5.3	6.0	4.5	1.8
July	28.9	130.1	159.0	88.3	247.3	24.4	5.7	6.6	4.8	5.8	4.4	1.8
August	27.0	130.5	157.5	88.3	245.8	22.4	5.7	6.5	4.7	5.7	4.1	1.8
September	24.5	127.8	152.3	86.7	239.0	21.2	5.5	6.3	4.8	5.6	3.7	1.8
October	21.9	128.5	150.4	87.4	237.8	19.9	5.6	6.2	4.8	5.6	3.3	1.8
November	24.0	137.0	161.0	89.5	250.5	20.9	5.9	6.6	5.0	5.9	3.6	1.9
December	26.3	136.7	162.9	91.2	254.1	22.3	6.0	6.8	5.0	6.0	4.0	1.9
2001												
January	25.6	130.7	156.3	96.4	252.7	21.8	5.7	6.5	5.2	5.9	3.9	1.8
February	31.7	135.0	166.7	98.7	265.5	25.7	5.8	6.8	5.4	6.2	4.8	1.9
March	26.6	132.0	158.6	104.9	263.5	23.2	5.6	6.4	5.7	6.1	4.0	1.9
April	26.5	141.0	167.5	111.8	279.3	22.6	6.1	6.9	5.9	6.4	4.0	2.0
PERSONS												
2000												
February	67.7	402.2	469.9	144.0	613.9	22.0	5.9	6.6	5.7	6.4	5.0	2.9
March	65.6	418.9	484.5	148.0	632.5	22.0	6.1	6.8	5.9	6.6	4.9	3.0
April	64.8	411.6	476.4	156.7	633.1	21.2	6.0	6.7	6.2	6.6	4.8	3.0
May	66.0	417.2	483.2	144.6	627.8	21.4	6.1	6.8	5.7	6.5	4.9	3.0
June	63.1	390.0	453.1	152.3	605.4	20.1	5.7	6.3	6.1	6.3	4.7	2.8
July	64.1	381.1	445.3	146.1	591.4	20.8	5.6	6.2	5.7	6.1	4.8	2.7
August	61.6	390.5	452.0	143.5	595.6	20.4	5.7	6.3	5.6	6.1	4.6	2.8
September	58.5	384.2	442.7	139.5	582.2	19.7	5.6	6.2	5.5	6.0	4.3	2.8
October	58.3	390.6	448.9	138.6	587.5	20.2	5.7	6.3	5.4	6.0	4.3	2.8
November	67.2	397.5	464.7	141.3	606.0	22.1	5.8	6.5	5.6	6.3	5.0	2.9
December	64.1	404.5	468.6	146.2	614.8	21.1	5.9	6.6	5.7	6.3	4.7	2.9
2001												
January	67.8	398.1	466.0	150.9	616.9	22.8	5.8	6.5	5.8	6.3	5.0	2.8
February	81.5	409.1	490.6	155.1	645.7	26.5	6.0	6.8	6.0	6.6	6.0	2.9
March	69.5	401.2	470.6	162.0	632.6	23.5	5.8	6.6	6.3	6.5	5.1	2.9
April	71.1	427.5	498.6	172.2	670.8	23.3	6.2	7.0	6.5	6.8	5.2	3.1

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: Trend(a)

Month	NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS.....					UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.....					UNEMPLOYMENT TO POPULATION RATIO	
	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
MALES												
2000												
February	39.4	264.2	303.6	53.2	356.8	20.7	5.8	6.4	7.7	6.6	5.7	3.9
March	38.1	262.3	300.5	54.7	355.2	20.1	5.8	6.4	7.8	6.6	5.5	3.9
April	36.7	261.0	297.7	56.1	353.7	19.4	5.8	6.3	8.0	6.5	5.3	3.8
May	35.3	259.8	295.1	56.8	351.9	18.7	5.7	6.2	8.0	6.5	5.1	3.8
June	34.4	258.8	293.1	56.6	349.8	18.3	5.7	6.2	8.0	6.4	5.0	3.8
July	34.2	258.1	292.3	55.8	348.1	18.3	5.7	6.2	7.8	6.4	5.0	3.8
August	34.6	257.7	292.3	54.6	346.9	18.7	5.7	6.2	7.6	6.3	5.0	3.8
September	35.7	258.2	293.9	53.6	347.4	19.4	5.7	6.2	7.4	6.4	5.2	3.8
October	37.3	259.9	297.2	52.9	350.1	20.4	5.7	6.3	7.3	6.4	5.4	3.8
November	39.3	262.5	301.8	52.9	354.7	21.5	5.8	6.4	7.3	6.5	5.7	3.8
December	41.3	265.6	306.8	53.7	360.5	22.5	5.8	6.5	7.3	6.6	6.0	3.9
2001												
January	43.0	268.8	311.7	54.9	366.7	23.4	5.9	6.6	7.5	6.7	6.2	3.9
February	44.3	272.2	316.4	56.3	372.7	24.1	6.0	6.7	7.6	6.8	6.4	4.0
March	45.2	275.6	320.8	57.6	378.5	24.6	6.1	6.8	7.7	6.9	6.5	4.0
April	45.7	278.6	324.3	58.8	383.1	24.8	6.1	6.9	7.8	7.0	6.6	4.0
FEMALES												
2000												
February	28.1	150.8	178.9	92.2	271.1	24.1	6.6	7.5	5.1	6.5	4.3	2.1
March	28.4	150.4	178.7	93.1	271.9	24.3	6.6	7.5	5.1	6.5	4.3	2.1
April	29.0	148.0	177.0	93.5	270.5	24.6	6.5	7.4	5.1	6.4	4.4	2.1
May	29.3	143.5	172.9	93.0	265.9	24.7	6.3	7.2	5.1	6.3	4.5	2.0
June	29.0	137.9	167.0	91.8	258.8	24.4	6.0	6.9	5.0	6.1	4.4	2.0
July	28.0	133.0	161.1	90.1	251.2	23.6	5.8	6.7	4.9	5.9	4.3	1.9
August	26.5	130.0	156.5	88.5	245.0	22.6	5.6	6.5	4.8	5.8	4.0	1.8
September	25.1	129.4	154.5	87.6	242.1	21.6	5.6	6.4	4.8	5.7	3.8	1.8
October	24.4	130.5	154.9	87.8	242.7	21.2	5.7	6.4	4.8	5.7	3.7	1.8
November	24.7	132.2	156.8	89.4	246.3	21.3	5.7	6.5	4.9	5.8	3.7	1.9
December	25.6	133.4	159.0	92.4	251.4	22.0	5.8	6.6	5.0	5.9	3.9	1.9
2001												
January	26.6	134.2	160.8	96.2	257.0	22.7	5.8	6.6	5.2	6.0	4.0	1.9
February	27.4	135.0	162.4	100.2	262.5	23.2	5.8	6.7	5.4	6.1	4.1	1.9
March	27.9	135.8	163.7	104.1	267.8	23.6	5.8	6.7	5.6	6.2	4.2	1.9
April	28.3	136.5	164.7	107.6	272.4	23.8	5.9	6.7	5.7	6.3	4.3	1.9
PERSONS												
2000												
February	67.5	415.0	482.5	145.4	627.9	22.0	6.1	6.8	5.8	6.5	5.0	3.0
March	66.5	412.7	479.2	147.9	627.1	21.7	6.1	6.7	5.9	6.5	4.9	3.0
April	65.6	409.0	474.7	149.6	624.3	21.4	6.0	6.7	5.9	6.5	4.9	3.0
May	64.6	403.4	468.0	149.8	617.8	21.0	5.9	6.6	5.9	6.4	4.8	2.9
June	63.4	396.7	460.1	148.4	608.5	20.6	5.8	6.4	5.8	6.3	4.7	2.9
July	62.2	391.1	453.4	145.9	599.3	20.4	5.7	6.3	5.7	6.2	4.6	2.8
August	61.1	387.7	448.8	143.2	591.9	20.2	5.6	6.3	5.6	6.1	4.5	2.8
September	60.7	387.7	448.4	141.2	589.6	20.3	5.6	6.3	5.5	6.1	4.5	2.8
October	61.7	390.4	452.1	140.7	592.8	20.7	5.7	6.3	5.5	6.1	4.6	2.8
November	63.9	394.7	458.6	142.4	601.0	21.4	5.8	6.4	5.6	6.2	4.7	2.8
December	66.8	399.0	465.9	146.1	611.9	22.3	5.8	6.5	5.7	6.3	4.9	2.9
2001												
January	69.6	403.0	472.6	151.1	623.7	23.1	5.9	6.6	5.9	6.4	5.1	2.9
February	71.7	407.1	478.8	156.5	635.3	23.7	5.9	6.7	6.0	6.5	5.3	2.9
March	73.2	411.4	484.5	161.7	646.3	24.2	6.0	6.8	6.2	6.6	5.4	2.9
April	74.0	415.0	489.0	166.5	655.5	24.4	6.0	6.8	6.3	6.7	5.4	3.0

(a) Trend estimates for October 2000 to March 2001 have been revised since the historical revision on 3 May 2001 (see Changes This Month on page 2).

EMPLOYED.....

UNEMPLOYED.....

	<i>Full time</i>	<i>Part time</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Looking for f/t work</i>	<i>Looking for p/t work</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Labour force</i>	<i>Not in labour force</i>	<i>Civilian population aged 15-19</i>	<i>Unemp- loyment rate</i>	<i>Partic- ipation rate</i>
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%
ATTENDING NEITHER SCHOOL NOR A TERTIARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION FULL TIME											
Males	138.7	41.2	179.9	37.7	* 2.2	39.9	219.8	29.7	249.5	18.2	88.1
Females	85.0	46.7	131.7	22.3	* 2.7	25.0	156.6	34.2	190.9	15.9	82.1
Persons	223.7	87.9	311.6	60.0	4.9	64.9	376.5	63.9	440.4	17.2	85.5
ATTENDING A TERTIARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION FULL TIME											
Males	* 2.5	55.1	57.7	* 2.4	8.9	11.3	69.0	45.3	114.3	16.4	60.3
Females	* 2.6	74.4	76.9	* 2.6	11.2	13.8	90.7	52.2	142.9	15.2	63.5
Persons	5.1	129.5	134.6	5.0	20.1	25.1	159.7	97.5	257.2	15.7	62.1
ATTENDING SCHOOL											
Males	* 1.2	102.7	103.9	* 3.2	22.6	25.7	129.7	201.8	331.4	19.8	39.1
Females	* 0.5	121.0	121.5	* 1.4	28.2	29.6	151.0	178.9	329.9	19.6	45.8
Persons	* 1.7	223.7	225.4	4.6	50.7	55.3	280.7	380.7	661.4	19.7	42.4
TOTAL											
Males	142.5	199.1	341.5	43.3	33.7	76.9	418.5	276.8	695.3	18.4	60.2
Females	88.0	242.1	330.1	26.2	42.1	68.3	398.4	265.3	663.7	17.1	60.0
Persons	230.5	441.2	671.6	69.5	75.8	145.2	816.9	542.1	1 359.0	17.8	60.1

EMPLOYED.....

UNEMPLOYED.....

	<i>Full time</i>	<i>Part time</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Looking for f/t work</i>	<i>Looking for p/t work</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Labour force</i>	<i>Not in labour force</i>	<i>Civilian population aged 15 and over</i>	<i>Unemployment rate</i>	<i>Participation rate</i>
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%
MALES											
New South Wales	1 480.8	233.3	1 714.1	89.1	16.0	105.1	1 819.1	738.5	2 557.6	5.8	71.1
Victoria	1 122.2	182.1	1 304.2	67.5	21.3	88.8	1 393.0	501.2	1 894.3	6.4	73.5
Queensland	806.2	126.9	933.1	84.0	11.4	95.4	1 028.5	380.1	1 408.5	9.3	73.0
South Australia	314.3	57.1	371.4	29.1	5.2	34.2	405.6	186.9	592.6	8.4	68.5
Western Australia	451.7	76.4	528.0	33.4	6.6	40.1	568.1	184.4	752.5	7.1	75.5
Tasmania	95.1	15.6	110.6	11.4	* 1.0	12.5	123.1	57.9	181.0	10.1	68.0
Northern Territory	44.8	7.7	52.5	3.4	* 0.6	4.0	56.5	17.4	73.9	7.0	76.5
Australian Capital Territory	73.8	13.9	87.7	4.2	1.2	5.4	93.1	26.0	119.1	5.8	78.2
Australia	4 388.8	712.8	5 101.7	322.1	63.3	385.4	5 487.1	2 092.4	7 579.4	7.0	72.4
FEMALES											
New South Wales	785.7	571.4	1 357.1	48.2	33.2	81.4	1 438.5	1 193.7	2 632.3	5.7	54.7
Victoria	563.4	443.0	1 006.4	41.8	25.3	67.1	1 073.5	895.8	1 969.3	6.3	54.5
Queensland	407.0	353.4	760.4	44.4	28.7	73.0	833.4	604.4	1 437.8	8.8	58.0
South Australia	151.8	150.6	302.5	11.0	8.4	19.4	321.9	295.8	617.6	6.0	52.1
Western Australia	209.3	204.1	413.4	17.1	12.6	29.6	443.1	310.1	753.2	6.7	58.8
Tasmania	44.5	46.9	91.3	3.6	3.0	6.6	98.0	93.3	191.2	6.7	51.2
Northern Territory	29.7	13.6	43.3	1.3	* 0.9	2.2	45.5	22.5	68.0	4.8	66.9
Australian Capital Territory	48.5	30.9	79.4	2.6	1.8	4.4	83.8	40.9	124.6	5.2	67.2
Australia	2 240.1	1 813.8	4 053.9	169.9	113.9	283.8	4 337.7	3 456.5	7 794.1	6.5	55.7
PERSONS											
New South Wales	2 266.5	804.6	3 071.2	137.2	49.3	186.5	3 257.7	1 932.2	5 189.9	5.7	62.8
Victoria	1 685.6	625.0	2 310.7	109.3	46.6	155.9	2 466.6	1 397.0	3 863.6	6.3	63.8
Queensland	1 213.3	480.2	1 693.5	128.3	40.1	168.4	1 861.9	984.5	2 846.4	9.0	65.4
South Australia	466.1	207.7	673.8	40.1	13.5	53.6	727.5	482.7	1 210.2	7.4	60.1
Western Australia	661.0	280.5	941.5	50.5	19.2	69.7	1 011.2	494.5	1 505.7	6.9	67.2
Tasmania	139.6	62.4	202.0	15.0	4.0	19.1	221.0	151.2	372.2	8.6	59.4
Northern Territory	74.5	21.3	95.8	4.7	1.4	6.2	102.0	39.8	141.8	6.0	71.9
Australian Capital Territory	122.3	44.8	167.1	6.7	3.0	9.8	176.9	66.8	243.7	5.5	72.6
Australia	6 628.9	2 526.6	9 155.5	492.0	177.2	669.2	9 824.8	5 548.8	15 373.6	6.8	63.9

Month	NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS.....					UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.....					UNEMPLOYMENT TO POPULATION RATIO	
	Aged 15–19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Aged 15–19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Aged 15–19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
NEW SOUTH WALES												
2000												
February	22.1	127.8	149.9	50.9	200.8	20.2	5.6	6.2	6.6	6.3	5.0	2.7
March	18.6	130.8	149.4	48.9	198.3	19.5	5.6	6.2	6.1	6.2	4.2	2.8
April	15.4	117.1	132.5	44.4	176.9	15.5	5.0	5.5	5.6	5.5	3.5	2.5
May	17.4	114.0	131.4	46.8	178.2	18.2	4.9	5.4	5.8	5.5	3.9	2.4
June	19.3	104.6	124.0	46.8	170.8	19.5	4.5	5.1	5.9	5.3	4.3	2.2
July	17.4	97.5	114.9	37.1	152.0	16.7	4.1	4.7	4.8	4.7	3.9	2.1
August	19.3	106.5	125.8	39.0	164.9	20.5	4.6	5.2	4.9	5.1	4.3	2.3
September	16.5	111.3	127.8	43.9	171.8	17.6	4.7	5.2	5.4	5.2	3.7	2.4
October	16.2	106.1	122.3	37.0	159.3	18.3	4.6	5.1	4.6	4.9	3.6	2.2
November	19.6	110.9	130.5	39.0	169.6	21.4	4.8	5.4	5.0	5.3	4.4	2.3
December	26.1	120.7	146.8	37.9	184.7	24.1	5.1	6.0	4.7	5.7	5.8	2.6
2001												
January	28.7	122.1	150.8	38.6	189.4	25.6	5.3	6.2	5.0	6.0	6.4	2.6
February	26.4	137.0	163.4	51.9	215.3	25.4	5.9	6.7	6.6	6.7	5.9	2.9
March	18.2	118.3	136.5	53.0	189.5	20.3	5.1	5.6	6.6	5.9	4.1	2.5
April	18.0	119.2	137.2	49.3	186.5	19.5	5.2	5.7	5.8	5.7	4.0	2.5
VICTORIA												
2000												
February	16.8	104.4	121.3	45.0	166.3	24.9	6.1	6.8	7.2	6.9	5.2	3.0
March	15.4	102.4	117.8	48.8	166.6	26.4	6.1	6.7	7.5	6.9	4.7	2.9
April	14.0	97.3	111.3	41.0	152.2	25.0	5.8	6.4	6.2	6.4	4.3	2.8
May	17.3	102.9	120.3	38.6	158.9	27.8	6.1	6.8	5.9	6.6	5.3	3.0
June	12.3	94.8	107.1	34.7	141.7	21.5	5.6	6.1	5.3	5.9	3.8	2.7
July	13.0	86.9	99.9	33.9	133.8	21.7	5.0	5.6	5.2	5.5	4.0	2.5
August	8.5	95.4	104.0	36.1	140.0	15.6	5.6	5.9	5.4	5.8	2.6	2.7
September	11.2	100.4	111.7	39.6	151.2	18.2	5.8	6.2	5.9	6.1	3.4	2.9
October	9.6	92.3	101.9	34.4	136.3	15.9	5.3	5.7	5.3	5.6	2.9	2.6
November	11.5	90.6	102.1	31.5	133.6	18.4	5.2	5.7	4.9	5.5	3.5	2.6
December	12.9	88.4	101.3	42.4	143.7	17.7	5.0	5.5	6.6	5.8	3.9	2.5
2001												
January	11.4	98.9	110.4	38.6	148.9	16.5	5.7	6.1	6.2	6.1	3.5	2.8
February	17.5	100.3	117.8	48.3	166.1	25.7	5.7	6.5	7.4	6.7	5.3	2.8
March	12.3	93.9	106.2	55.6	161.7	20.3	5.4	5.9	8.2	6.6	3.7	2.7
April	13.1	96.2	109.3	46.6	155.9	21.2	5.5	6.1	6.9	6.3	4.0	2.7
QUEENSLAND												
2000												
February	15.2	105.1	120.3	28.3	148.6	22.3	8.3	9.0	5.8	8.2	5.8	4.2
March	15.1	101.0	116.1	36.1	152.3	23.0	8.0	8.8	7.5	8.4	5.8	4.0
April	15.7	92.8	108.4	36.9	145.3	23.1	7.4	8.2	7.3	7.9	6.0	3.7
May	13.4	94.6	108.0	27.4	135.5	21.4	7.5	8.2	5.5	7.4	5.1	3.7
June	12.1	85.6	97.7	33.2	131.0	19.2	6.8	7.4	6.7	7.2	4.6	3.4
July	13.3	80.8	94.1	30.1	124.2	19.1	6.3	7.0	6.0	6.7	5.0	3.2
August	11.3	89.4	100.7	27.4	128.1	19.7	7.0	7.6	5.6	7.1	4.3	3.5
September	12.1	86.8	98.9	32.9	131.8	20.3	6.7	7.3	6.7	7.1	4.6	3.4
October	11.0	84.0	95.1	32.4	127.4	18.4	6.6	7.1	6.7	7.0	4.2	3.3
November	14.6	88.2	102.7	29.0	131.7	23.3	6.9	7.7	6.0	7.2	5.5	3.4
December	18.8	90.5	109.2	35.9	145.2	25.0	7.0	8.0	7.2	7.8	7.1	3.5
2001												
January	21.5	97.0	118.4	31.2	149.6	29.5	7.7	8.9	6.6	8.3	8.1	3.8
February	25.8	108.1	133.9	39.2	173.1	34.2	8.4	9.9	8.0	9.4	9.8	4.2
March	22.9	102.8	125.7	40.5	166.2	32.2	8.0	9.3	8.1	9.0	8.6	4.0
April	21.6	106.7	128.3	40.1	168.4	30.1	8.4	9.6	7.7	9.0	8.2	4.1

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	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
SOUTH AUSTRALIA												
2000												
February	8.8	43.6	52.3	15.4	67.8	32.5	8.6	9.8	7.5	9.1	8.6	4.0
March	7.2	38.2	45.5	12.4	57.9	30.0	7.6	8.6	5.9	7.9	7.1	3.5
April	7.3	39.9	47.2	11.7	58.9	28.3	8.0	9.0	5.5	8.0	7.2	3.6
May	6.8	43.1	49.9	11.4	61.4	29.8	8.6	9.6	5.4	8.4	6.7	3.9
June	6.0	37.7	43.7	10.4	54.1	26.0	7.5	8.3	5.2	7.4	5.8	3.4
July	4.6	36.1	40.7	9.7	50.4	19.8	7.1	7.7	4.8	6.9	4.5	3.3
August	6.0	35.1	41.1	11.9	53.1	25.1	7.0	7.8	5.8	7.2	5.9	3.2
September	5.1	35.6	40.7	12.1	52.9	21.4	7.0	7.6	5.9	7.1	5.0	3.2
October	5.5	33.5	39.1	11.4	50.5	26.6	6.7	7.4	5.5	6.9	5.4	3.0
November	6.0	35.8	41.8	10.4	52.2	26.6	7.1	7.9	5.1	7.1	5.9	3.2
December	6.5	34.2	40.7	11.5	52.2	24.2	6.8	7.7	5.6	7.1	6.3	3.1
2001												
January	6.5	36.0	42.4	13.0	55.5	24.1	7.3	8.2	6.4	7.7	6.3	3.3
February	5.5	35.5	41.0	14.2	55.2	22.1	7.2	7.9	6.7	7.5	5.4	3.2
March	5.1	34.7	39.7	11.2	50.9	24.2	7.1	7.8	5.2	7.1	4.9	3.1
April	5.1	35.0	40.1	13.5	53.6	23.9	7.2	7.9	6.1	7.4	4.9	3.2
WESTERN AUSTRALIA												
2000												
February	8.5	42.9	51.4	16.9	68.3	20.9	6.3	7.1	6.2	6.9	6.2	3.2
March	6.9	43.7	50.5	16.2	66.8	19.3	6.4	7.1	5.9	6.7	5.0	3.2
April	7.9	40.0	47.9	18.1	66.0	22.1	5.9	6.7	6.5	6.7	5.7	3.0
May	6.0	37.6	43.7	13.5	57.1	17.5	5.6	6.2	4.9	5.8	4.3	2.8
June	4.4	35.5	40.0	13.2	53.2	13.7	5.3	5.7	4.7	5.4	3.2	2.6
July	4.9	38.4	43.2	10.4	53.6	13.0	5.6	6.0	3.9	5.4	3.5	2.8
August	4.9	36.9	41.8	15.3	57.1	15.3	5.5	5.9	5.4	5.8	3.5	2.7
September	4.5	37.7	42.2	13.2	55.3	14.7	5.5	5.9	4.7	5.6	3.2	2.8
October	5.0	37.8	42.7	11.2	54.0	16.4	5.5	6.0	4.1	5.5	3.6	2.8
November	7.7	39.3	47.1	11.7	58.7	21.4	5.8	6.5	4.3	5.9	5.5	2.9
December	10.3	36.7	47.0	11.7	58.7	23.5	5.3	6.3	4.3	5.8	7.4	2.7
2001												
January	9.7	44.3	54.0	13.6	67.7	23.5	6.4	7.4	5.0	6.8	6.9	3.3
February	12.2	46.4	58.6	17.0	75.6	29.7	6.6	7.9	6.2	7.4	8.7	3.4
March	8.4	47.6	56.0	19.5	75.5	24.6	6.9	7.8	6.7	7.5	6.0	3.5
April	7.6	42.9	50.5	19.2	69.7	20.9	6.4	7.1	6.4	6.9	5.4	3.1
TASMANIA												
2000												
February	3.1	11.8	14.9	4.8	19.6	32.8	8.1	9.6	7.5	9.0	8.9	3.5
March	2.4	12.2	14.6	4.8	19.3	26.9	8.4	9.5	7.2	8.8	6.8	3.6
April	2.4	11.9	14.3	4.7	19.1	29.5	8.2	9.3	7.3	8.7	7.0	3.5
May	3.1	11.9	15.1	3.4	18.5	31.8	8.2	9.7	5.3	8.4	9.0	3.6
June	2.8	13.2	16.0	3.0	19.0	29.2	9.0	10.2	4.7	8.6	8.1	3.9
July	2.9	11.3	14.2	3.1	17.3	34.0	7.9	9.4	4.7	8.0	8.4	3.4
August	3.0	14.3	17.3	3.7	21.0	34.4	9.9	11.3	5.7	9.6	8.7	4.2
September	2.0	14.6	16.6	3.7	20.3	25.1	10.0	10.8	5.6	9.2	5.8	4.3
October	3.0	13.0	16.0	3.1	19.1	40.0	9.0	10.5	4.6	8.7	8.6	3.9
November	2.5	12.5	15.0	3.9	18.8	31.7	8.5	9.6	5.9	8.5	7.1	3.7
December	3.1	12.5	15.5	3.4	18.9	30.0	8.5	9.9	4.9	8.4	8.8	3.7
2001												
January	2.8	13.4	16.3	5.1	21.3	28.4	9.4	10.6	7.5	9.6	8.2	4.0
February	3.2	13.0	16.2	3.7	19.9	30.9	8.8	10.2	6.0	9.0	9.2	3.9
March	1.9	12.6	14.4	4.0	18.4	23.4	8.6	9.3	6.2	8.4	5.4	3.7
April	1.9	13.1	15.0	4.0	19.1	23.2	9.0	9.7	6.1	8.6	5.6	3.9

	NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS.....					UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.....					UNEMPLOYMENT TO POPULATION RATIO	
	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work
Month	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
NORTHERN TERRITORY												
2000												
February	* 0.5	3.8	4.3	1.6	5.9	* 17.0	5.2	5.7	9.2	6.3	* 3.3	3.0
March	* 0.3	2.9	3.2	* 0.7	3.9	* 9.0	3.8	4.0	* 3.6	4.0	* 2.1	2.3
April	* 0.3	3.4	3.7	1.1	4.9	* 9.3	4.7	4.9	5.9	5.1	* 2.3	2.7
May	* 0.3	3.6	3.9	1.2	5.1	* 9.1	5.1	5.2	6.2	5.4	* 2.0	2.8
June	* 0.4	3.4	3.8	* 0.7	4.5	* 12.1	4.7	5.0	* 3.5	4.7	* 2.8	2.7
July	* 0.6	3.1	3.6	* 0.8	4.4	* 14.6	4.4	4.9	* 3.9	4.7	* 3.8	2.5
August	* 0.3	2.2	2.5	1.0	3.6	* 9.5	3.2	3.5	5.2	3.8	* 2.1	1.8
September	* 0.7	2.9	3.6	1.7	5.3	* 17.9	3.9	4.6	7.4	5.2	* 4.5	2.3
October	* 0.3	2.8	3.2	0.9	4.0	* 9.2	3.8	4.1	3.8	4.0	* 2.3	2.3
November	* 0.7	3.8	4.5	* 0.5	5.0	* 19.4	5.2	5.8	* 2.3	5.1	* 4.6	3.0
December	1.2	4.2	5.5	* 0.8	6.3	34.4	5.7	7.0	* 3.5	6.2	8.4	3.3
2001												
January	1.6	4.2	5.8	1.0	6.7	35.6	5.8	7.5	5.1	7.1	10.7	3.3
February	* 0.6	5.0	5.6	0.8	6.4	* 14.6	6.8	7.2	4.1	6.6	* 3.9	3.9
March	* 0.5	3.3	3.8	* 0.8	4.5	* 15.5	4.4	4.9	* 3.7	4.6	* 3.5	2.6
April	* 0.8	3.9	4.7	1.4	6.2	* 22.4	5.1	6.0	6.3	6.0	* 5.7	3.1
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY												
2000												
February	1.3	5.2	6.5	3.0	9.5	25.8	4.1	4.9	7.0	5.4	5.5	2.4
March	* 0.9	5.4	6.3	3.3	9.5	* 20.5	4.2	4.7	7.9	5.5	* 3.8	2.5
April	* 0.4	5.3	5.7	3.1	8.8	* 9.4	4.2	4.3	7.2	5.1	* 1.9	2.4
May	* 0.9	5.4	6.3	3.0	9.3	* 19.3	4.2	4.8	7.0	5.3	* 3.8	2.5
June	* 0.7	4.9	5.6	2.7	8.3	* 16.2	3.9	4.3	5.9	4.7	* 2.8	2.3
July	* 0.7	4.1	4.8	1.9	6.6	* 18.1	3.1	3.6	4.4	3.7	* 2.9	1.9
August	* 0.7	4.3	4.9	1.7	6.7	* 22.4	3.3	3.7	3.7	3.7	* 2.7	2.0
September	* 0.9	4.2	5.1	3.0	8.2	* 22.3	3.3	3.9	6.4	4.5	* 3.8	1.9
October	* 0.6	4.5	5.0	1.9	7.0	* 19.9	3.5	3.9	4.0	3.9	* 2.4	2.0
November	* 0.9	4.4	5.3	2.1	7.5	* 25.4	3.5	4.1	4.4	4.2	* 3.9	2.0
December	* 0.6	5.1	5.7	1.7	7.4	* 16.6	3.9	4.3	3.8	4.1	* 2.6	2.3
2001												
January	* 1.0	5.3	6.2	2.7	8.9	* 23.9	4.1	4.7	6.4	5.1	* 4.0	2.4
February	* 0.6	5.6	6.3	3.7	10.0	* 18.3	4.4	4.7	8.7	5.7	* 2.7	2.6
March	1.5	4.3	5.8	3.0	8.8	31.8	3.4	4.4	6.6	4.9	6.1	2.0
April	1.3	5.5	6.7	3.0	9.8	28.3	4.4	5.2	6.4	5.5	5.3	2.5

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....

TREND.....

Month	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....					TREND.....					Civilian population aged 15 and over
	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate	
'000	'000	'000	%	%		'000	'000	'000	%	%	'000
MALES											
2000											
February	1 506.5	1 705.1	101.0	5.6	71.6	1 505.4	1 703.9	103.4	5.7	71.7	2 520.9
March	1 501.9	1 706.5	105.8	5.8	71.8	1 507.8	1 709.5	103.2	5.7	71.8	2 524.0
April	1 510.2	1 716.4	101.3	5.6	71.9	1 511.2	1 715.0	102.7	5.7	71.9	2 527.6
May	1 515.3	1 724.2	100.1	5.5	72.1	1 514.8	1 719.9	101.8	5.6	72.0	2 531.1
June	1 522.4	1 721.1	103.0	5.6	72.0	1 517.0	1 723.5	100.7	5.5	72.0	2 534.7
July	1 516.7	1 724.9	102.5	5.6	72.0	1 516.8	1 725.3	100.1	5.5	71.9	2 537.6
August	1 517.0	1 723.7	97.2	5.3	71.7	1 513.7	1 725.2	99.9	5.5	71.8	2 540.5
September	1 506.2	1 727.2	99.4	5.4	71.8	1 507.9	1 722.9	100.6	5.5	71.7	2 543.5
October	1 500.4	1 721.0	101.2	5.6	71.6	1 500.6	1 718.1	102.5	5.6	71.5	2 545.5
November	1 493.5	1 710.1	103.8	5.7	71.2	1 493.9	1 712.3	104.8	5.8	71.3	2 547.4
December	1 489.6	1 709.4	109.5	6.0	71.3	1 488.9	1 706.9	107.1	5.9	71.2	2 549.4
2001											
January	1 479.0	1 697.7	110.0	6.1	70.9	1 485.8	1 702.9	108.7	6.0	71.0	2 551.3
February	1 480.0	1 692.5	114.7	6.3	70.8	1 484.1	1 700.9	109.5	6.0	70.9	2 553.2
March	1 491.3	1 701.9	103.4	5.7	70.7	1 483.4	1 700.2	109.6	6.1	70.8	2 555.1
April	1 484.9	1 711.3	108.7	6.0	71.2	1 483.4	1 700.9	109.4	6.0	70.8	2 557.6
FEMALES											
2000											
February	758.8	1 307.4	75.9	5.5	53.1	774.5	1 305.7	76.5	5.5	53.1	2 603.2
March	779.8	1 315.2	77.2	5.5	53.4	780.3	1 313.3	77.2	5.5	53.4	2 605.6
April	793.1	1 323.7	76.1	5.4	53.7	786.9	1 321.0	77.2	5.5	53.6	2 608.4
May	794.9	1 330.4	80.2	5.7	54.0	793.1	1 328.4	76.1	5.4	53.8	2 611.2
June	794.6	1 321.9	78.7	5.6	53.6	797.5	1 334.0	74.2	5.3	53.9	2 614.0
July	799.8	1 334.9	64.6	4.6	53.5	798.8	1 336.7	72.2	5.1	53.8	2 616.7
August	802.8	1 358.4	71.2	5.0	54.6	796.8	1 336.4	70.5	5.0	53.7	2 619.3
September	797.2	1 333.5	70.2	5.0	53.5	792.4	1 334.1	69.8	5.0	53.6	2 622.0
October	778.7	1 325.2	67.6	4.9	53.1	788.4	1 330.6	69.9	5.0	53.4	2 623.5
November	787.2	1 318.2	72.7	5.2	53.0	786.2	1 328.2	70.8	5.1	53.3	2 624.9
December	780.7	1 324.0	74.7	5.3	53.3	786.4	1 328.3	72.0	5.1	53.3	2 626.4
2001											
January	785.2	1 337.6	69.5	4.9	53.6	788.6	1 331.6	72.9	5.2	53.4	2 627.7
February	793.5	1 339.6	76.1	5.4	53.8	791.6	1 336.8	73.8	5.2	53.7	2 629.0
March	809.3	1 333.8	71.5	5.1	53.4	794.4	1 342.5	74.8	5.3	53.9	2 630.3
April	787.6	1 358.8	78.6	5.5	54.6	797.2	1 347.8	75.7	5.3	54.1	2 632.3
PERSONS											
2000											
February	2 265.3	3 012.5	176.9	5.5	62.2	2 279.9	3 009.6	179.9	5.6	62.2	5 124.0
March	2 281.7	3 021.7	183.0	5.7	62.5	2 288.1	3 022.7	180.4	5.6	62.4	5 129.7
April	2 303.3	3 040.1	177.4	5.5	62.6	2 298.1	3 036.0	179.9	5.6	62.6	5 136.0
May	2 310.1	3 054.6	180.3	5.6	62.9	2 307.9	3 048.3	177.8	5.5	62.7	5 142.3
June	2 317.0	3 043.0	181.7	5.6	62.6	2 314.5	3 057.5	174.9	5.4	62.8	5 148.6
July	2 316.5	3 059.8	167.1	5.2	62.6	2 315.7	3 062.1	172.4	5.3	62.8	5 154.3
August	2 319.9	3 082.1	168.4	5.2	63.0	2 310.5	3 061.6	170.4	5.3	62.6	5 159.9
September	2 303.4	3 060.6	169.6	5.3	62.5	2 300.3	3 056.9	170.4	5.3	62.5	5 165.5
October	2 279.1	3 046.2	168.8	5.3	62.2	2 289.0	3 048.8	172.4	5.4	62.3	5 169.0
November	2 280.7	3 028.3	176.5	5.5	62.0	2 280.1	3 040.5	175.7	5.5	62.2	5 172.4
December	2 270.3	3 033.4	184.2	5.7	62.2	2 275.3	3 035.2	179.1	5.6	62.1	5 175.8
2001											
January	2 264.2	3 035.3	179.5	5.6	62.1	2 274.4	3 034.6	181.6	5.6	62.1	5 179.0
February	2 273.5	3 032.1	190.8	5.9	62.2	2 275.7	3 037.7	183.3	5.7	62.2	5 182.2
March	2 300.6	3 035.7	174.9	5.4	61.9	2 277.8	3 042.6	184.4	5.7	62.2	5 185.4
April	2 272.5	3 070.1	187.3	5.7	62.8	2 280.6	3 048.7	185.1	5.7	62.3	5 189.9

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SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....

TREND.....

Month	Unemp- loyment rate					Unemp- loyment rate					Civilian population aged 15 and over
	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemployed	%	%	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemployed	%	%	
	'000	'000	'000	%	%	'000	'000	'000	%	%	'000
MALES											
2000											
February	1 088.6	1 254.3	82.4	6.2	72.0	1 084.4	1 249.8	85.6	6.4	71.9	1 857.8
March	1 088.1	1 253.0	84.5	6.3	71.9	1 087.0	1 253.1	84.9	6.3	71.9	1 860.0
April	1 086.1	1 257.8	84.8	6.3	72.1	1 089.9	1 257.2	84.2	6.3	72.0	1 862.2
May	1 091.2	1 256.0	89.2	6.6	72.2	1 093.4	1 262.1	83.5	6.2	72.2	1 864.3
June	1 096.6	1 264.2	82.2	6.1	72.1	1 098.2	1 268.3	82.6	6.1	72.4	1 866.5
July	1 111.1	1 284.1	76.1	5.6	72.8	1 104.6	1 275.6	82.0	6.0	72.6	1 869.0
August	1 106.4	1 282.4	83.0	6.1	73.0	1 112.4	1 282.9	81.8	6.0	72.9	1 871.5
September	1 118.3	1 288.0	81.9	6.0	73.1	1 120.2	1 289.9	82.1	6.0	73.2	1 874.1
October	1 125.6	1 295.4	83.9	6.1	73.5	1 126.4	1 295.6	82.9	6.0	73.4	1 877.1
November	1 137.6	1 301.3	84.4	6.1	73.7	1 129.5	1 299.5	83.7	6.0	73.6	1 880.1
December	1 134.5	1 300.3	85.9	6.2	73.6	1 129.7	1 301.5	84.2	6.1	73.6	1 883.1
2001											
January	1 129.0	1 305.5	82.4	5.9	73.6	1 127.9	1 302.5	84.5	6.1	73.5	1 886.0
February	1 118.9	1 310.0	84.4	6.1	73.8	1 125.2	1 302.6	84.9	6.1	73.5	1 888.9
March	1 117.0	1 290.7	84.3	6.1	72.7	1 122.5	1 302.1	85.5	6.2	73.4	1 891.8
April	1 123.7	1 302.3	88.7	6.4	73.4	1 119.9	1 301.1	86.0	6.2	73.3	1 894.3
FEMALES											
2000											
February	543.8	983.3	67.2	6.4	54.2	548.5	984.4	68.8	6.5	54.4	1 937.5
March	550.8	988.5	72.0	6.8	54.7	550.0	987.5	69.1	6.5	54.5	1 939.5
April	548.7	986.6	67.3	6.4	54.3	551.9	992.1	68.9	6.5	54.7	1 941.5
May	551.1	996.2	70.3	6.6	54.9	554.6	997.7	68.2	6.4	54.8	1 943.4
June	565.7	1 006.4	65.8	6.1	55.1	557.8	1 003.0	66.8	6.2	55.0	1 945.3
July	562.3	1 011.0	66.2	6.1	55.3	560.9	1 006.6	65.0	6.1	55.0	1 947.8
August	558.5	1 009.7	61.0	5.7	54.9	563.1	1 007.6	62.9	5.9	54.9	1 950.3
September	562.7	1 005.6	62.5	5.9	54.7	564.5	1 006.8	61.0	5.7	54.7	1 952.8
October	569.9	1 007.1	60.2	5.6	54.6	565.4	1 005.5	59.7	5.6	54.5	1 955.3
November	567.5	1 000.0	57.9	5.5	54.0	566.1	1 005.2	59.6	5.6	54.4	1 957.8
December	564.1	1 000.4	57.8	5.5	54.0	567.0	1 006.4	60.5	5.7	54.4	1 960.3
2001											
January	565.6	1 011.8	62.3	5.8	54.7	568.0	1 008.8	62.1	5.8	54.6	1 962.7
February	570.1	1 014.4	65.5	6.1	55.0	568.9	1 011.2	63.9	5.9	54.7	1 965.0
March	571.8	1 019.3	67.6	6.2	55.2	569.9	1 013.2	65.7	6.1	54.8	1 967.4
April	570.9	1 008.2	67.0	6.2	54.6	570.6	1 014.6	67.3	6.2	55.0	1 969.3
PERSONS											
2000											
February	1 632.3	2 237.7	149.6	6.3	62.9	1 632.9	2 234.1	154.4	6.5	62.9	3 795.3
March	1 638.9	2 241.5	156.5	6.5	63.1	1 637.0	2 240.6	154.1	6.4	63.0	3 799.6
April	1 635.3	2 244.4	152.1	6.3	63.0	1 641.8	2 249.2	153.2	6.4	63.2	3 803.6
May	1 642.3	2 252.1	159.5	6.6	63.3	1 647.9	2 259.8	151.6	6.3	63.3	3 807.7
June	1 662.3	2 270.6	148.0	6.1	63.4	1 656.0	2 271.3	149.5	6.2	63.5	3 811.8
July	1 673.4	2 295.1	142.3	5.8	63.9	1 665.6	2 282.2	147.0	6.1	63.6	3 816.8
August	1 664.9	2 292.1	144.1	5.9	63.7	1 675.5	2 290.5	144.6	5.9	63.7	3 821.8
September	1 681.0	2 293.6	144.4	5.9	63.7	1 684.8	2 296.7	143.1	5.9	63.8	3 826.8
October	1 695.6	2 302.5	144.1	5.9	63.8	1 691.8	2 301.2	142.6	5.8	63.8	3 832.4
November	1 705.1	2 301.2	142.3	5.8	63.7	1 695.6	2 304.6	143.3	5.9	63.8	3 837.9
December	1 698.6	2 300.6	143.7	5.9	63.6	1 696.7	2 308.0	144.8	5.9	63.8	3 843.4
2001											
January	1 694.7	2 317.4	144.7	5.9	64.0	1 695.9	2 311.3	146.6	6.0	63.9	3 848.7
February	1 689.0	2 324.5	149.9	6.1	64.2	1 694.1	2 313.8	148.8	6.0	63.9	3 853.9
March	1 688.8	2 310.0	151.8	6.2	63.8	1 692.4	2 315.3	151.1	6.1	63.9	3 859.2
April	1 694.6	2 310.5	155.7	6.3	63.8	1 690.5	2 315.7	153.3	6.2	63.9	3 863.6

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SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....

TREND.....

Month	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....					TREND.....					Civilian population aged 15 and over '000
	Employed full time '000	Total employed '000	Total unemployed '000	Unemployment rate %	Participation rate %	Employed full time '000	Total employed '000	Total unemployed '000	Unemployment rate %	Participation rate %	
MALES											
2000											
February	815.2	939.0	74.3	7.3	73.4	818.3	937.0	79.1	7.8	73.6	1 380.7
March	820.8	932.9	80.7	8.0	73.3	820.8	940.2	79.3	7.8	73.7	1 382.7
April	820.8	943.0	82.6	8.0	74.1	823.7	943.6	79.3	7.8	73.9	1 384.5
May	830.7	950.4	77.6	7.5	74.2	826.7	947.2	79.0	7.7	74.0	1 386.2
June	832.2	949.9	78.4	7.6	74.1	828.7	950.1	78.3	7.6	74.1	1 388.0
July	827.4	954.6	77.2	7.5	74.2	829.0	951.3	77.3	7.5	74.0	1 390.1
August	825.2	949.6	76.7	7.5	73.7	827.8	950.9	76.3	7.4	73.8	1 392.2
September	830.8	951.3	76.4	7.4	73.7	825.3	948.7	75.7	7.4	73.5	1 394.2
October	818.9	942.6	73.6	7.2	72.8	822.1	945.4	76.0	7.4	73.2	1 396.2
November	814.5	938.3	78.5	7.7	72.7	818.8	942.0	77.3	7.6	72.9	1 398.1
December	825.0	948.4	77.5	7.6	73.3	816.0	939.2	79.6	7.8	72.8	1 400.1
2001											
January	808.1	931.3	82.4	8.1	72.3	813.6	937.2	82.6	8.1	72.7	1 402.3
February	806.9	929.4	86.3	8.5	72.3	811.8	935.9	85.9	8.4	72.8	1 404.4
March	814.9	941.3	89.3	8.7	73.3	810.4	935.1	89.1	8.7	72.8	1 406.6
April	810.5	935.8	95.0	9.2	73.2	810.0	935.0	92.1	9.0	73.0	1 408.5
FEMALES											
2000											
February	394.2	733.5	57.2	7.2	56.2	397.3	732.5	61.1	7.7	56.4	1 405.9
March	400.7	731.1	63.2	8.0	56.4	397.6	733.7	60.4	7.6	56.4	1 408.1
April	397.0	738.1	62.1	7.8	56.7	398.8	736.2	59.8	7.5	56.4	1 410.2
May	399.6	740.0	59.6	7.5	56.6	401.1	740.0	58.9	7.4	56.6	1 412.3
June	399.6	732.1	56.3	7.1	55.7	404.5	743.9	57.8	7.2	56.7	1 414.4
July	412.6	758.0	55.1	6.8	57.4	408.7	746.8	57.0	7.1	56.7	1 416.7
August	413.3	755.0	58.2	7.2	57.3	412.5	748.5	56.8	7.1	56.8	1 419.0
September	416.1	747.8	55.7	6.9	56.5	414.8	749.0	57.5	7.1	56.7	1 421.3
October	418.4	743.9	59.9	7.5	56.5	415.8	749.0	58.9	7.3	56.7	1 423.6
November	415.9	744.0	60.3	7.5	56.4	415.7	749.1	60.5	7.5	56.8	1 425.9
December	412.8	752.1	65.4	8.0	57.2	415.2	749.8	62.4	7.7	56.9	1 428.3
2001											
January	409.2	755.7	60.5	7.4	57.0	414.9	751.7	64.3	7.9	57.0	1 430.7
February	418.1	752.2	66.9	8.2	57.2	414.8	753.6	66.3	8.1	57.2	1 433.2
March	422.6	755.0	68.0	8.3	57.3	414.6	755.2	68.4	8.3	57.4	1 435.6
April	407.8	756.1	72.9	8.8	57.7	414.3	756.5	70.0	8.5	57.5	1 437.8
PERSONS											
2000											
February	1 209.4	1 672.5	131.5	7.3	64.7	1 215.6	1 669.5	140.2	7.7	64.9	2 786.6
March	1 221.5	1 664.0	143.9	8.0	64.8	1 218.4	1 673.9	139.7	7.7	65.0	2 790.8
April	1 217.8	1 681.1	144.7	7.9	65.3	1 222.5	1 679.8	139.1	7.6	65.1	2 794.7
May	1 230.3	1 690.4	137.1	7.5	65.3	1 227.8	1 687.2	137.9	7.6	65.2	2 798.6
June	1 231.9	1 682.0	134.7	7.4	64.8	1 233.2	1 693.9	136.0	7.4	65.3	2 802.4
July	1 240.0	1 712.6	132.4	7.2	65.7	1 237.7	1 698.1	134.3	7.3	65.3	2 806.8
August	1 238.5	1 704.6	134.9	7.3	65.4	1 240.3	1 699.4	133.2	7.3	65.2	2 811.1
September	1 246.9	1 699.1	132.1	7.2	65.0	1 240.1	1 697.8	133.3	7.3	65.0	2 815.5
October	1 237.2	1 686.4	133.5	7.3	64.5	1 237.9	1 694.4	134.8	7.4	64.9	2 819.8
November	1 230.4	1 682.3	138.8	7.6	64.5	1 234.5	1 691.1	137.8	7.5	64.8	2 824.1
December	1 237.8	1 700.5	142.9	7.8	65.2	1 231.2	1 689.1	141.9	7.8	64.7	2 828.4
2001											
January	1 217.3	1 687.0	142.9	7.8	64.6	1 228.5	1 688.9	146.9	8.0	64.8	2 833.0
February	1 225.0	1 681.5	153.2	8.3	64.7	1 226.6	1 689.5	152.3	8.3	64.9	2 837.6
March	1 237.5	1 696.3	157.3	8.5	65.2	1 225.0	1 690.3	157.5	8.5	65.0	2 842.2
April	1 218.2	1 691.9	167.8	9.0	65.3	1 224.3	1 691.5	162.1	8.7	65.2	2 846.4

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SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....

TREND.....

Month	Unemp- loyment rate					Unemp- loyment rate					Civilian population aged 15 and over
	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemployed	%	%	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemployed	%	%	
MALES											
2000											
February	328.5	381.7	35.4	8.5	70.9	325.4	381.1	34.3	8.3	70.6	588.1
March	328.8	383.2	32.3	7.8	70.6	327.3	382.0	34.6	8.3	70.8	588.4
April	328.2	382.7	35.4	8.5	71.0	328.4	382.4	34.9	8.4	70.9	588.8
May	326.8	382.0	37.2	8.9	71.1	328.9	382.8	34.8	8.3	70.9	589.2
June	328.9	380.7	34.7	8.4	70.5	329.2	383.2	34.3	8.2	70.8	589.6
July	330.2	384.9	32.9	7.9	70.8	329.2	383.5	33.6	8.0	70.7	590.0
August	329.2	384.1	31.8	7.6	70.4	329.1	383.4	32.7	7.9	70.5	590.4
September	328.3	382.6	31.9	7.7	70.2	328.7	382.9	32.0	7.7	70.2	590.7
October	328.1	383.2	31.6	7.6	70.2	327.8	381.9	31.6	7.6	70.0	591.0
November	326.8	380.5	31.8	7.7	69.7	326.2	380.2	31.6	7.7	69.6	591.3
December	323.3	374.8	31.8	7.8	68.7	324.1	378.1	31.9	7.8	69.3	591.5
2001											
January	323.1	378.4	32.1	7.8	69.4	321.7	376.0	32.2	7.9	69.0	591.8
February	320.7	375.7	32.4	7.9	68.9	319.3	373.9	32.7	8.0	68.7	592.0
March	312.4	368.5	32.5	8.1	67.7	317.0	372.1	33.2	8.2	68.4	592.3
April	316.2	370.9	35.2	8.7	68.5	315.1	370.5	33.7	8.3	68.2	592.6
FEMALES											
2000											
February	152.9	293.2	27.2	8.5	52.2	151.7	296.0	24.3	7.6	52.1	614.2
March	153.2	294.7	23.7	7.4	51.8	151.5	295.1	24.4	7.6	52.0	614.4
April	151.4	294.6	24.6	7.7	51.9	152.1	294.8	24.2	7.6	51.9	614.7
May	149.6	294.6	23.6	7.4	51.7	153.5	295.4	23.6	7.4	51.9	614.9
June	158.0	295.4	22.1	7.0	51.6	155.3	296.7	22.9	7.2	51.9	615.2
July	155.7	299.4	22.0	6.8	52.2	157.0	298.0	22.2	6.9	52.0	615.5
August	159.3	300.5	22.7	7.0	52.5	158.2	298.7	21.7	6.8	52.0	615.8
September	162.4	299.8	20.5	6.4	52.0	158.7	298.6	21.3	6.7	51.9	616.0
October	156.4	298.0	20.5	6.4	51.7	158.4	298.2	20.9	6.6	51.8	616.3
November	156.5	296.2	21.3	6.7	51.5	157.5	297.8	20.4	6.4	51.6	616.6
December	155.7	296.6	20.0	6.3	51.3	156.7	297.9	19.9	6.2	51.5	616.9
2001											
January	156.8	297.0	19.2	6.1	51.3	156.0	298.6	19.3	6.1	51.5	617.0
February	155.4	302.0	18.7	5.8	52.0	155.5	299.7	18.8	5.9	51.6	617.2
March	156.4	301.1	17.0	5.3	51.5	155.0	300.8	18.5	5.8	51.7	617.4
April	153.3	302.3	19.6	6.1	52.1	154.8	301.9	18.2	5.7	51.8	617.6
PERSONS											
2000											
February	481.4	674.9	62.6	8.5	61.3	477.1	677.0	58.6	8.0	61.2	1 202.3
March	482.0	677.9	56.0	7.6	61.0	478.8	677.1	59.0	8.0	61.2	1 202.8
April	479.5	677.3	60.0	8.1	61.3	480.5	677.3	59.0	8.0	61.2	1 203.5
May	476.5	676.6	60.7	8.2	61.2	482.4	678.2	58.4	7.9	61.2	1 204.2
June	486.9	676.1	56.8	7.7	60.8	484.5	679.9	57.2	7.8	61.2	1 204.8
July	485.9	684.3	54.9	7.4	61.3	486.3	681.5	55.8	7.6	61.2	1 205.5
August	488.5	684.6	54.5	7.4	61.3	487.3	682.0	54.4	7.4	61.1	1 206.1
September	490.7	682.4	52.4	7.1	60.9	487.4	681.5	53.3	7.3	60.9	1 206.8
October	484.5	681.3	52.1	7.1	60.7	486.2	680.1	52.5	7.2	60.7	1 207.3
November	483.4	676.8	53.1	7.3	60.4	483.7	678.0	52.0	7.1	60.4	1 207.9
December	479.0	671.4	51.8	7.2	59.9	480.7	676.0	51.7	7.1	60.2	1 208.4
2001											
January	480.0	675.4	51.4	7.1	60.1	477.7	674.5	51.5	7.1	60.1	1 208.8
February	476.1	677.7	51.1	7.0	60.3	474.7	673.6	51.5	7.1	60.0	1 209.2
March	468.7	669.6	49.5	6.9	59.4	472.0	672.9	51.7	7.1	59.9	1 209.7
April	469.4	673.3	54.8	7.5	60.2	470.0	672.3	51.9	7.2	59.9	1 210.2

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	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....					TREND.....					Civilian population aged 15 and over
	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemployment rate %	Participation rate %	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemployment rate %	Participation rate %	
Month	'000	'000	'000			'000	'000	'000			'000
MALES											
2000											
February	460.4	528.2	37.3	6.6	76.4	458.9	526.0	37.3	6.6	76.1	739.7
March	460.1	526.5	37.3	6.6	76.1	459.1	526.6	36.3	6.4	76.0	740.7
April	459.3	527.1	36.1	6.4	76.0	459.1	527.1	35.4	6.3	75.9	741.4
May	457.3	525.8	33.8	6.0	75.4	458.7	527.3	34.7	6.2	75.7	742.1
June	456.7	527.0	31.4	5.6	75.2	457.6	526.9	34.4	6.1	75.6	742.8
July	458.7	528.3	34.8	6.2	75.7	456.1	526.1	34.5	6.2	75.4	743.7
August	457.2	526.7	37.7	6.7	75.8	454.7	525.0	34.9	6.2	75.2	744.7
September	450.1	522.4	35.3	6.3	74.8	454.0	524.2	35.2	6.3	75.0	745.7
October	451.2	521.6	35.5	6.4	74.6	453.9	524.0	35.5	6.3	74.9	746.7
November	453.3	523.0	35.4	6.3	74.7	454.3	524.4	36.0	6.4	75.0	747.6
December	458.8	526.2	36.0	6.4	75.1	454.7	525.2	36.9	6.6	75.1	748.6
2001											
January	454.7	528.2	36.4	6.4	75.3	454.8	526.2	38.4	6.8	75.3	749.6
February	459.0	529.7	41.2	7.2	76.1	454.4	527.0	40.1	7.1	75.5	750.6
March	447.5	523.1	44.4	7.8	75.5	453.6	527.5	41.7	7.3	75.7	751.5
April	452.1	528.3	42.4	7.4	75.8	452.6	527.7	43.1	7.5	75.9	752.5
FEMALES											
2000											
February	212.8	403.5	21.5	5.1	57.4	212.3	403.2	24.4	5.7	57.8	739.9
March	211.7	402.9	24.8	5.8	57.7	211.2	402.2	25.2	5.9	57.7	740.9
April	212.8	401.7	30.7	7.1	58.3	210.1	401.2	25.8	6.0	57.6	741.8
May	208.3	400.1	25.2	5.9	57.3	209.6	401.0	25.7	6.0	57.5	742.6
June	206.5	402.5	24.5	5.7	57.4	209.9	401.8	25.0	5.8	57.4	743.4
July	211.7	397.7	23.7	5.6	56.6	211.1	403.4	23.9	5.6	57.4	744.5
August	211.2	407.3	23.4	5.4	57.8	213.1	405.8	22.9	5.3	57.5	745.5
September	218.1	412.3	19.2	4.4	57.8	215.6	408.6	22.5	5.2	57.8	746.5
October	219.2	411.4	22.9	5.3	58.1	218.1	411.1	22.6	5.2	58.0	747.4
November	219.7	410.3	25.9	5.9	58.3	219.9	412.9	23.1	5.3	58.3	748.4
December	221.2	416.2	23.2	5.3	58.6	220.7	413.9	23.7	5.4	58.4	749.4
2001											
January	218.8	414.8	24.1	5.5	58.5	220.8	414.3	24.4	5.6	58.5	750.3
February	223.2	414.3	23.6	5.4	58.3	220.5	414.7	25.2	5.7	58.6	751.3
March	222.6	414.0	26.0	5.9	58.5	219.8	415.1	26.0	5.9	58.6	752.2
April	213.5	415.9	28.5	6.4	59.0	218.9	415.4	26.5	6.0	58.7	753.2
PERSONS											
2000											
February	673.2	931.7	58.8	5.9	66.9	671.1	929.2	61.7	6.2	67.0	1 479.7
March	671.8	929.4	62.1	6.3	66.9	670.2	928.8	61.5	6.2	66.8	1 481.6
April	672.1	928.8	66.9	6.7	67.1	669.2	928.3	61.2	6.2	66.7	1 483.1
May	665.7	925.8	59.0	6.0	66.3	668.3	928.3	60.4	6.1	66.6	1 484.7
June	663.2	929.6	55.9	5.7	66.3	667.5	928.7	59.3	6.0	66.5	1 486.2
July	670.4	926.0	58.5	5.9	66.2	667.2	929.4	58.4	5.9	66.4	1 488.2
August	668.3	934.0	61.1	6.1	66.8	667.8	930.8	57.8	5.8	66.3	1 490.2
September	668.2	934.7	54.4	5.5	66.3	669.6	932.8	57.6	5.8	66.4	1 492.2
October	670.5	933.0	58.4	5.9	66.4	672.0	935.1	58.1	5.8	66.5	1 494.1
November	673.0	933.3	61.4	6.2	66.5	674.2	937.3	59.1	5.9	66.6	1 496.1
December	680.0	942.4	59.2	5.9	66.9	675.4	939.1	60.7	6.1	66.7	1 498.0
2001											
January	673.6	943.1	60.5	6.0	66.9	675.7	940.6	62.8	6.3	66.9	1 499.9
February	682.2	943.9	64.8	6.4	67.2	674.9	941.7	65.2	6.5	67.0	1 501.9
March	670.2	937.1	70.4	7.0	67.0	673.4	942.5	67.7	6.7	67.2	1 503.8
April	665.6	944.2	70.9	7.0	67.4	671.5	943.1	69.6	6.9	67.3	1 505.7

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SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....

TREND.....

Month	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....					TREND.....					Civilian population aged 15 and over
	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemployment rate %	Participation rate %	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemployment rate %	Participation rate %	
	'000	'000	'000	%	%	'000	'000	'000	%	%	'000
MALES											
2000											
February	95.1	110.6	10.7	8.8	67.3	95.3	110.0	11.3	9.3	67.3	180.2
March	94.9	110.0	10.8	9.0	67.0	95.1	109.9	11.2	9.3	67.2	180.3
April	94.2	108.9	11.7	9.7	66.8	94.9	109.9	11.3	9.4	67.2	180.3
May	95.2	109.7	11.7	9.6	67.3	94.9	110.0	11.6	9.5	67.4	180.4
June	95.5	110.5	12.8	10.4	68.3	94.9	110.2	11.9	9.7	67.6	180.4
July	95.1	111.1	10.8	8.9	67.6	94.8	110.5	12.1	9.8	67.9	180.5
August	94.3	110.8	12.5	10.1	68.3	94.7	110.8	12.1	9.9	68.1	180.6
September	94.2	110.9	12.4	10.1	68.2	94.5	111.2	12.2	9.9	68.3	180.6
October	94.3	110.8	12.2	9.9	68.1	94.5	111.6	12.2	9.9	68.5	180.7
November	94.9	112.3	12.2	9.8	68.9	94.6	111.9	12.2	9.8	68.7	180.8
December	95.3	112.8	11.8	9.5	68.9	94.9	112.1	12.2	9.8	68.8	180.8
2001											
January	93.7	112.5	12.5	10.0	69.1	95.2	112.0	12.2	9.9	68.7	180.9
February	96.6	111.7	12.9	10.3	68.9	95.4	111.7	12.3	9.9	68.5	180.9
March	96.3	111.1	11.2	9.2	67.6	95.5	111.2	12.4	10.0	68.3	181.0
April	94.6	109.6	13.1	10.7	67.8	95.6	110.8	12.4	10.1	68.1	181.0
FEMALES											
2000											
February	42.9	88.5	8.0	8.3	50.8	43.4	89.4	7.8	8.1	51.1	190.0
March	44.0	89.8	7.9	8.1	51.4	43.8	89.4	7.9	8.1	51.2	190.1
April	43.8	88.5	8.5	8.7	51.0	44.2	89.5	7.9	8.1	51.2	190.2
May	44.7	89.2	7.9	8.1	51.0	44.5	89.5	7.8	8.0	51.1	190.3
June	46.0	91.0	6.7	6.9	51.3	44.6	89.4	7.6	7.9	51.0	190.3
July	43.8	89.1	7.5	7.8	50.7	44.4	89.5	7.5	7.7	50.9	190.4
August	44.1	89.4	7.7	7.9	50.9	44.2	89.6	7.4	7.6	50.9	190.5
September	43.5	88.6	7.7	8.0	50.5	44.0	89.7	7.3	7.5	50.9	190.6
October	43.3	90.4	6.8	7.0	51.0	43.8	89.9	7.2	7.5	50.9	190.7
November	44.7	90.3	7.3	7.5	51.1	43.7	90.1	7.1	7.3	50.9	190.8
December	43.7	91.2	6.6	6.8	51.2	43.7	90.2	7.0	7.2	50.9	190.9
2001											
January	43.2	89.2	7.8	8.0	50.7	43.7	90.1	6.9	7.1	50.8	191.0
February	44.1	90.5	6.0	6.3	50.5	43.6	89.9	6.8	7.0	50.6	191.1
March	43.1	89.1	6.7	7.0	50.1	43.5	89.8	6.7	7.0	50.5	191.2
April	43.4	89.8	7.0	7.2	50.6	43.4	89.6	6.7	7.0	50.4	191.2
PERSONS											
2000											
February	137.9	199.1	18.6	8.6	58.8	138.7	199.4	19.2	8.8	59.0	370.3
March	138.8	199.8	18.8	8.6	59.0	138.8	199.3	19.1	8.7	59.0	370.4
April	138.0	197.4	20.1	9.2	58.7	139.2	199.3	19.2	8.8	59.0	370.5
May	140.0	198.9	19.6	9.0	59.0	139.4	199.4	19.4	8.8	59.0	370.6
June	141.5	201.5	19.5	8.8	59.6	139.4	199.6	19.5	8.9	59.1	370.8
July	138.9	200.2	18.3	8.4	58.9	139.2	200.0	19.5	8.9	59.2	370.9
August	138.3	200.2	20.2	9.2	59.4	138.9	200.4	19.5	8.9	59.3	371.1
September	137.7	199.4	20.1	9.1	59.1	138.5	201.0	19.5	8.8	59.4	371.2
October	137.6	201.2	19.0	8.6	59.3	138.3	201.5	19.4	8.8	59.5	371.4
November	139.6	202.5	19.6	8.8	59.8	138.4	202.0	19.4	8.7	59.6	371.6
December	138.9	204.0	18.5	8.3	59.8	138.7	202.2	19.2	8.7	59.6	371.8
2001											
January	136.9	201.6	20.2	9.1	59.7	138.9	202.1	19.1	8.6	59.5	371.9
February	140.7	202.2	18.9	8.6	59.4	139.0	201.6	19.1	8.6	59.3	372.0
March	139.4	200.2	17.9	8.2	58.6	139.0	201.0	19.1	8.7	59.2	372.1
April	138.0	199.3	20.1	9.2	59.0	139.0	200.3	19.2	8.7	59.0	372.2

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TREND.....

	<i>Employed full time</i>	<i>Total employed</i>	<i>Total unemployed</i>	<i>Unemployment rate</i>	<i>Participation rate</i>	<i>Civilian population aged 15 and over</i>
<i>Month</i>	'000	'000	'000	%	%	'000
MALES						
2000						
February	44.7	51.4	2.4	4.5	73.6	73.2
March	44.6	51.3	2.5	4.6	73.5	73.3
April	44.5	51.1	2.5	4.7	73.3	73.3
May	44.3	51.0	2.6	4.8	73.1	73.2
June	44.2	50.9	2.6	4.9	72.9	73.2
July	44.0	50.8	2.7	5.0	73.0	73.4
August	43.9	50.9	2.9	5.3	73.2	73.5
September	43.8	51.2	3.1	5.8	73.8	73.6
October	43.9	51.5	3.4	6.2	74.5	73.7
November	43.9	51.7	3.6	6.6	75.0	73.8
December	43.9	51.9	3.8	6.8	75.5	73.8
2001						
January	44.0	52.1	3.8	6.8	75.8	73.8
February	44.1	52.3	3.8	6.8	75.9	73.9
March	44.2	52.4	3.8	6.7	75.9	73.9
April	44.2	52.4	3.7	6.6	75.9	73.9
FEMALES						
2000						
February	28.0	40.1	2.1	4.9	63.3	66.7
March	28.2	40.2	2.1	5.0	63.4	66.7
April	28.2	40.1	2.1	5.1	63.1	66.8
May	28.0	39.8	2.1	5.0	62.6	66.9
June	27.7	39.7	2.0	4.8	62.2	67.0
July	27.5	39.7	1.9	4.6	62.1	67.1
August	27.6	40.0	1.8	4.3	62.3	67.1
September	27.7	40.5	1.7	4.1	62.8	67.1
October	28.0	40.8	1.7	4.0	63.2	67.3
November	28.3	41.0	1.7	4.1	63.4	67.4
December	28.6	41.0	1.8	4.1	63.4	67.5
2001						
January	28.9	41.2	1.8	4.1	63.5	67.6
February	29.2	41.5	1.7	4.0	63.8	67.7
March	29.5	41.9	1.7	3.9	64.3	67.9
April	29.7	42.3	1.7	3.8	64.8	68.0
PERSONS						
2000						
February	72.7	91.5	4.5	4.7	68.7	139.9
March	72.8	91.5	4.6	4.8	68.7	140.0
April	72.6	91.2	4.7	4.9	68.4	140.1
May	72.3	90.8	4.7	4.9	68.1	140.2
June	71.9	90.5	4.6	4.9	67.8	140.3
July	71.5	90.6	4.6	4.8	67.8	140.4
August	71.4	91.0	4.7	4.9	68.0	140.6
September	71.6	91.6	4.9	5.0	68.5	140.7
October	71.9	92.3	5.1	5.3	69.1	140.9
November	72.2	92.7	5.4	5.5	69.5	141.1
December	72.5	93.0	5.6	5.6	69.7	141.3
2001						
January	72.9	93.3	5.6	5.7	69.9	141.5
February	73.2	93.7	5.5	5.6	70.1	141.6
March	73.6	94.3	5.5	5.5	70.4	141.8
April	73.9	94.7	5.4	5.4	70.6	141.8

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(see Changes This Month on page 2). Estimates for the most recent three months may be subject to significant revisions as data for later months become available.

TREND.....

	<i>Employed full time</i>	<i>Total employed</i>	<i>Total unemployed</i>	<i>Unemployment rate</i>	<i>Participation rate</i>	<i>Civilian population aged 15 and over</i>
<i>Month</i>	'000	'000	'000	%	%	'000
MALES						
2000						
February	72.9	86.9	5.2	5.7	79.0	116.6
March	73.3	87.1	5.2	5.6	78.9	117.0
April	73.8	87.4	5.1	5.5	78.7	117.5
May	74.3	87.8	5.0	5.4	78.6	118.0
June	74.8	88.2	4.8	5.2	78.5	118.6
July	75.4	88.6	4.7	5.1	78.6	118.7
August	75.8	89.1	4.6	4.9	78.8	118.9
September	75.9	89.4	4.6	4.9	79.0	119.0
October	75.8	89.5	4.6	4.9	79.1	119.0
November	75.6	89.2	4.7	5.0	78.9	118.9
December	75.3	88.8	4.8	5.1	78.7	118.9
2001						
January	75.1	88.4	4.9	5.2	78.4	118.9
February	75.1	88.1	4.9	5.3	78.2	119.0
March	75.1	87.9	4.9	5.3	78.0	119.0
April	75.2	87.8	5.0	5.4	77.9	119.1
FEMALES						
2000						
February	51.7	78.9	3.7	4.4	67.1	123.1
March	52.0	78.9	3.6	4.3	66.9	123.2
April	52.1	78.9	3.6	4.3	66.8	123.5
May	52.1	79.2	3.6	4.3	66.9	123.7
June	51.9	79.6	3.5	4.2	67.1	123.9
July	51.7	80.3	3.3	4.0	67.4	124.1
August	51.5	81.0	3.2	3.8	67.8	124.2
September	51.4	81.5	3.0	3.6	68.0	124.3
October	51.3	81.6	3.0	3.5	68.0	124.3
November	51.1	81.3	3.0	3.6	67.8	124.3
December	50.8	81.0	3.1	3.7	67.6	124.3
2001						
January	50.4	80.6	3.2	3.9	67.4	124.4
February	50.0	80.3	3.4	4.1	67.3	124.4
March	49.5	80.2	3.7	4.4	67.3	124.5
April	49.1	80.0	3.9	4.6	67.3	124.6
PERSONS						
2000						
February	124.6	165.8	8.9	5.1	72.9	239.6
March	125.2	166.0	8.8	5.0	72.7	240.3
April	125.9	166.4	8.7	5.0	72.6	241.0
May	126.4	166.9	8.6	4.9	72.6	241.7
June	126.8	167.8	8.3	4.7	72.7	242.5
July	127.1	168.9	8.0	4.5	72.9	242.8
August	127.3	170.1	7.8	4.4	73.2	243.1
September	127.3	170.9	7.6	4.3	73.4	243.4
October	127.1	171.0	7.6	4.3	73.4	243.3
November	126.6	170.5	7.7	4.3	73.3	243.3
December	126.1	169.7	7.9	4.5	73.0	243.2
2001						
January	125.6	169.0	8.1	4.6	72.8	243.3
February	125.1	168.4	8.3	4.7	72.6	243.4
March	124.7	168.0	8.6	4.9	72.5	243.5
April	124.4	167.7	8.9	5.0	72.5	243.7

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(see Changes This Month on page 2). Estimates for the most recent three months may be subject to significant revisions as data for later months become available.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1 This publication contains preliminary estimates of the civilian labour force derived from the Labour Force Survey component of the monthly population survey. Estimates for the current month are preliminary and subject to revision. Revised estimates for the current month and more detailed estimates will be published in *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0).

MONTHLY POPULATION SURVEY

2 The population survey is based on a multi-stage area sample of private dwellings (currently about 30,000 houses, flats, etc.) and a list sample of non-private dwellings (hotels, motels, etc.), and covers about 0.5% of the population of Australia. The information is obtained from the occupants of selected dwellings by specially trained interviewers. The interviews are generally conducted during the two weeks beginning on the Monday between the 6th and 12th of each month. The information obtained relates to the week before the interview (i.e. the reference week).

TELEPHONE INTERVIEWING

3 The ABS has introduced the use of telephone interviewing into the Labour Force Survey. Households selected for the Labour Force Survey are interviewed each month for 8 months, with one eighth of the sample being replaced each month. The first interview is conducted face-to-face. Subsequent interviews are conducted by telephone (if acceptable to the respondent). Telephone interviewing was phased in for each new sample group from August 1996 to February 1997.

4 During the period of implementation, the new method produced different estimates than would have been obtained under the old methodology. The effect peaked in November 1996, when it is estimated that the published estimate of total employment was about 36,000 to 48,000 lower than would have been measured under the old methodology. The effect dissipated over the final months of implementation and was no longer discernible from February 1997. Therefore, the estimates for February 1997 and onwards are directly comparable to estimates for periods prior to August 1996.

SCOPE OF SURVEY

5 The Labour Force Survey includes all persons aged 15 and over except members of the permanent defence forces, certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments customarily excluded from census and estimated populations, overseas residents in Australia, and members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependants) stationed in Australia.

COVERAGE

6 In the Labour Force Survey, coverage rules are applied which aim to ensure that each person is associated with only one dwelling, and hence has only one chance of selection. The coverage rules are necessarily a balance between theoretical and operational considerations. Nevertheless, the chance of a person being enumerated at two separate dwellings in the survey is considered to be negligible.

POPULATION BENCHMARKS

7 Labour Force Survey estimates are calculated in such a way as to add up to independent estimates of the civilian population aged 15 and over (population benchmarks). From February 1999, labour force estimates have been compiled using benchmarks based on the results of the 1996 Census of Population and Housing. Small revisions were made to many of the historical estimates from January 1995 to January 1999.

REVISION OF SERIES

8 From April 1986, the definition of employed persons was changed to include persons who worked without pay between 1 and 14 hours per week in a family business or on a farm (i.e. contributing family workers). For further information, see paragraphs 36 and 37 of the Explanatory Notes to the February 1987 issue of *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0).

EXPLANATORY NOTES

REVISION OF SERIES *continued*

9 From April 2001 the Labour Force Survey has been conducted using a redesigned questionnaire containing additional data items and some minor definitional changes. Core labour force series, including all relevant series in this publication, have been revised for the period April 1986 to March 2001 to ensure continuity. For further details, see *Information Paper: Implementing the Redesigned Labour Force Survey Questionnaire* (Cat. no. 6295.0) and *Information Paper: Questionnaires Used in the Labour Force Survey* (Cat. no. 6232.0).

SURVEY SAMPLE REDESIGN

10 The Labour Force Survey sample was last reselected using information collected in the 1996 Census of Population and Housing.

11 The bulk of the new sample was phased in over the period September 1997 to April 1998, with one eighth of this portion of the sample being introduced every month. The remainder of the sample (about 15% of the total), which covers less settled areas of Australia and non-private dwellings was rotated in full for New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory in September 1997, and for Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia in October 1997. Such a pattern of implementation means that any changes to labour force estimates due to differences between the two samples, or any other influences, were spread over the eight months.

12 For further details, see *Information Paper: Labour Force Survey Sample Design* (Cat. no. 6269.0).

RELIABILITY OF ESTIMATES

13 Two types of error are possible in an estimate based on a sample survey: sampling error and non-sampling error.

Sampling error occurs because a sample, rather than the entire population, is surveyed. One measure of the likely difference resulting from not including all dwellings in the survey is given by the standard error. There are about two chances in three that a sample estimate will differ by less than one standard error from the figure that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included in the survey, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors. Standard errors of estimates for the latest month and of estimates of movements since the previous month are shown on pages 31 and 32. Standard errors of other estimates and other movements may be determined by using information in the Technical Notes in *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0).

Non sampling error arises from inaccuracies in collecting, recording and processing the data. Every effort is made to minimise reporting error by the careful design of questionnaires, intensive training and supervision of interviewers, and efficient data processing procedures.

SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT AND TREND ESTIMATION

14 Seasonally adjusted series are published in Tables 2, 5 and 12 to 17. Seasonal factors are reviewed annually to take account of each additional year's original data. Information about the last annual review of seasonal factors was published in a feature article in the February 2001 issue of *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0). An additional review was conducted following the revision of series associated with the introduction of the redesigned questionnaire in April 2001 (see paragraph 9). The results of this additional review were used to compile the seasonally adjusted and trend estimates in this publication.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT AND TREND ESTIMATION *continued*

15 Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove the irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month. This means that month-to-month movements of the seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour. For example, irregular factors unrelated to the trend account for more than half the seasonally adjusted movement with the following frequency:

- Employment: 6 in 10 monthly movements
- Unemployment: 8 in 10 monthly movements
- Unemployment rate: 7 in 10 monthly movements
- Participation rate: 9 in 10 monthly movements.

16 The smoothing of seasonally adjusted series reduces the impact of the irregular component of the seasonally adjusted series, and creates trend estimates. These trend estimates are derived by applying a 13-term Henderson-weighted moving average to all months except the last six. The last six monthly trend estimates are obtained by applying surrogates of the Henderson average to the seasonally adjusted series. Trend series are used to analyse the underlying behaviour of the series over time. These are published in tables 3, 6 and 12 to 19.

17 While this smoothing technique enables estimates to be produced for the latest month, it does result in revisions to the most recent months as additional observations become available. Generally, subsequent revisions become smaller, and after three months have a negligible impact on the series. There will also be revisions as a result of the annual review of seasonal factors.

18 Trend estimates are published for the Northern Territory in table 18 and for the Australian Capital Territory in table 19. Unadjusted series for the two Territories have shown, historically, a high degree of variability, which can lead to considerable revisions to the seasonally adjusted estimates after each annual seasonal factor re-analysis. Seasonally adjusted estimates are not currently published for the two Territories. The most recent six months trend estimates are subject to revision. For the three most recent months, the revision may be relatively large. Inferences about trends drawn from smoothed seasonally adjusted (trend) estimates for months earlier than the latest three months are unlikely to be affected by month to month revisions. They may be affected by revision resulting from the annual re-analysis of seasonal factors.

19 For further information, see *A Guide to Interpreting Time Series—Monitoring 'Trends': an Overview* (Cat. no. 1348.0) or contact the Assistant Director, Time Series Analysis on (02) 6252 6345.

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

20 Users may also wish to refer to *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0). This publication contains a detailed list of related publications which are available from ABS Bookshops.

21 Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications and Products* (Cat. no. 1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Release Advice* (Cat. no. 1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Release Advice are available from any ABS office.

DATA AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

22 As well as the statistics included in this and related publications, the ABS may have other relevant data available. Inquiries should be made to Kate Nielsen on 6252 6525 or to any ABS office.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

EFFECTS OF ROUNDING

23 Estimates have been rounded and discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

24 Estimates of movement shown in this publication are obtained by taking the difference of unrounded estimates. The movement estimate is then rounded to one decimal place. Therefore where a discrepancy occurs between the reported movement and the difference of the rounded estimates, the reported movement will be more accurate.

SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

* subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See the Technical Notes in Cat. no. 6203.0 for more details.

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pts percentage points

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Actively looking for work	Includes writing, telephoning or applying in person to an employer for work; answering an advertisement for a job; checking factory noticeboards or the touchscreens at the Centrelink offices; being registered with Centrelink as a jobseeker; checking or registering with any other employment agency; advertising or tendering for work; and contacting friends or relatives.
Attending school	Persons aged 15 to 19 years enrolled full time at secondary or high schools in the reference week.
Attending tertiary educational institution full time	Persons aged 15 to 24 years enrolled full time at a TAFE college, university, or other educational institution in the reference week.
Civilian population aged 15 years and over	All usual residents of Australia aged 15 years and over except members of the permanent defence forces, certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments customarily excluded from census and estimated population counts, overseas residents in Australia, and members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependants) stationed in Australia.
Employed	All persons aged 15 years and over who, during the reference week: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ worked for one hour or more for pay, profit, commission or payment in kind, in a job or business or on a farm (comprising employees, employers and own account workers); or■ worked for one hour or more without pay in a family business or on a farm (i.e. contributing family workers); or■ were employees who had a job but were not at work and were:<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ away from work for less than four weeks up to the end of the reference week; or■ away from work for more than four weeks up to the end of the reference week and received pay for some or all of the four week period to the end of the reference week; or■ away from work as a standard work or shift arrangement; or■ on strike or locked out; or■ on workers' compensation and expected to return to their job; or■ were employers or own account workers, who had a job, business or farm, but were not at work.
Full-time workers	Employed persons who usually worked 35 hours or more a week (in all jobs) and those who, although usually working less than 35 hours a week, worked 35 hours or more during the reference week.
Labour force	For any group, persons who were employed or unemployed, as defined.
Labour force status	A classification of the civilian population aged 15 years and over into employed, unemployed or not in the labour force, as defined. The definitions conform closely to the international standard definitions adopted by the International Conferences of Labour Statisticians.
Not in the labour force	Persons who were not in the categories employed or unemployed as defined.
Participation rate	For any group, the labour force expressed as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group.
Part-time workers	Employed persons who usually worked less than 35 hours a week (in all jobs) and either did so during the reference week, or were not at work in the reference week.

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Seasonally adjusted series	A time series of estimates with the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation removed. See Explanatory Notes 14 and 15 for more detail.
Trend series	A smoothed seasonally adjusted series of estimates. See Explanatory Notes 16 to 18 for more detail.
Unemployed	Persons aged 15 years and over who were not employed during the reference week, and: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ had actively looked for full-time or part-time work at any time in the four weeks up to the end of the reference week and:<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ were available for work in the reference week; or■ were waiting to start a new job within four weeks from the end of the reference week, and could have started in the reference week if the job had been available then.
Unemployed looking for full-time work	Unemployed persons who actively looked for full-time work, or were waiting to start a new full-time job.
Unemployed looking for part-time work	Unemployed persons who actively looked for part-time work only, or were waiting to start a new part-time job.
Unemployment rate	For any group, the number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the labour force in the same group.
Unemployment to population ratio	For any group, the number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the civilian population in the same group.

STANDARD ERRORS

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The estimates in this publication are based on information gained from the occupants of a sample survey of dwellings. Because the entire population is not surveyed, the published estimates are subject to sampling error. The most common way of quantifying such sampling error is to calculate the standard error for the published estimate or statistic.

LEVEL ESTIMATES

To illustrate, let us say the published level estimate for employed persons aged 15 to 19 is 500,000. The calculated standard error in this case is 8,700. The standard error is then used to interpret the level estimate of 500,000. For instance, the standard error of 8,700 indicates that:

- There are approximately two chances in three that the real value falls within the range 491,300 to 508,700 ($500,000 + \text{or} - 8,700$)
- There are approximately nineteen chances in twenty that the real value falls within the range 482,600 to 517,400 ($500,000 + \text{or} - 17,400$).

The real value in this case is the result we would obtain if we could enumerate the total population.

The following tables show the standard errors for this month's level estimates.

	EMPLOYED.....			UNEMPLOYED.....			Labour force	'000	'000	pts	pts
	Full time	Part time	Total	Looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total					
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000					
NSW	18.5	10.4	22.3	5.1	3.7	5.6	23.1	16.8	0.2	0.4	
Vic.	14.0	8.4	16.7	4.0	3.0	4.6	17.4	12.7	0.2	0.4	
Qld	10.8	7.5	12.2	4.4	2.7	4.9	12.7	9.9	0.3	0.4	
SA	5.0	3.6	5.7	1.9	1.2	2.1	5.9	5.0	0.3	0.5	
WA	5.4	4.1	6.0	2.2	1.5	2.5	6.2	4.9	0.2	0.4	
Tas.	1.8	1.4	2.1	0.8	0.5	0.9	2.2	1.9	0.4	0.6	
NT	1.3	0.8	1.4	0.5	0.3	0.5	1.4	1.0	0.5	1.0	
ACT	1.8	1.1	2.0	0.5	0.4	0.6	2.1	1.4	0.3	0.9	
Males	21.3	10.0	23.3	7.3	4.0	7.9	24.5	15.3	0.1	0.3	
Females	15.7	14.4	20.4	5.8	5.0	7.0	21.1	18.8	0.2	0.3	
Persons	28.1	16.5	37.1	8.6	5.9	9.7	39.7	24.7	0.1	0.3	

	NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS.....					UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.....				
	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	pts	pts	pts	pts	pts
NSW	2.5	4.9	5.1	3.7	5.6	2.7	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2
Vic.	1.9	3.9	4.0	3.0	4.6	3.0	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.2
Qld	2.1	4.1	4.4	2.7	4.9	2.9	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.3
SA	0.8	1.8	1.9	1.2	2.1	3.8	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.3
WA	1.1	2.1	2.2	1.5	2.5	2.9	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.2
Tas.	0.4	0.8	0.8	0.5	0.9	4.2	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.4
NT	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.5	6.2	0.6	0.6	1.3	0.5
ACT	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.6	6.4	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.3
Males	3.4	6.9	7.3	4.0	7.9	1.8	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.1
Females	2.8	5.4	5.8	5.0	7.0	2.4	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
Persons	4.1	8.1	8.6	5.9	9.7	1.4	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1

STANDARD ERRORS *continued*

MOVEMENT ESTIMATES

The following example illustrates how to use the standard error to interpret a movement estimate. Let us say that one month the published level estimate for females employed part time in Australia is 1,390,000; the next month the published level estimate is 1,400,000. The calculated standard error for the movement estimate is 13,000. The standard error is then used to interpret the published movement estimate of 10,000. For instance, the standard error of 13,000 indicates that:

- There are approximately two chances in three that the real movement over the two month period falls within the range -3,000 to 23,000 ($10,000 + \text{or} - 13,000$)
- There are approximately nineteen chances in twenty that the real movement falls within the range -16,000 to 36,000 ($10,000 + \text{or} - 26,000$).

The following tables show the standard errors for this month's movement estimates.

	EMPLOYED.....			UNEMPLOYED.....						
	Full time	Part time	Total	Looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Labour force	Not in labour force	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	pts	pts
NSW	9.9	7.0	11.0	3.8	2.8	4.3	11.2	9.4	0.1	0.2
Vic.	7.6	5.4	8.4	3.0	2.4	3.4	8.6	7.1	0.1	0.2
Qld	6.7	4.9	7.5	3.1	2.1	3.4	7.8	6.2	0.2	0.3
SA	3.1	2.3	3.5	1.3	0.9	1.5	3.6	3.1	0.2	0.3
WA	3.9	2.9	4.3	1.7	1.2	1.9	4.4	3.5	0.2	0.3
Tas.	1.2	0.9	1.4	0.6	0.4	0.6	1.5	1.3	0.3	0.4
NT	1.1	0.7	1.2	0.4	0.2	0.4	1.2	0.9	0.4	0.9
ACT	1.0	0.7	1.1	0.4	0.3	0.4	1.2	0.8	0.3	0.5
Males	14.0	7.3	14.8	5.5	3.1	5.9	15.2	10.8	0.1	0.2
Females	11.1	10.2	13.6	4.4	3.9	5.3	13.9	12.9	0.1	0.2
Persons	16.2	11.5	18.2	6.4	4.6	7.2	18.6	15.3	0.1	0.1

	NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS.....					UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.....				
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20 and over	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Aged 15-19	Aged 20 and over	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	pts	pts	pts	pts	pts
NSW	1.9	3.7	3.8	2.8	4.3	2.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1
Vic.	1.5	2.9	3.0	2.4	3.4	2.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1
Qld	1.7	2.9	3.1	2.1	3.4	2.4	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2
SA	0.6	1.3	1.3	0.9	1.5	3.0	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.2
WA	0.9	1.6	1.7	1.2	1.9	2.7	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2
Tas.	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.6	3.4	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.3
NT	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.4	5.2	0.5	0.5	1.1	0.4
ACT	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	5.3	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.3
Males	2.7	5.3	5.5	3.1	5.9	1.5	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1
Females	2.3	4.1	4.4	3.9	5.3	2.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1
Persons	3.2	6.1	6.4	4.6	7.2	1.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1

WHAT IF...? REVISIONS TO TREND ESTIMATES

EFFECT OF NEW SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES ON TREND ESTIMATES

Each time new seasonally adjusted estimates become available, trend estimates are revised (see paragraphs 16 and 17 of Explanatory Notes).

TREND REVISIONS

The examples in the tables below show four illustrative scenarios and the consequent revisions to previous trend estimates of employment and unemployment rate.

1 The May seasonally adjusted estimate is the same as the April estimate.

2 The May seasonally adjusted estimate is higher than the April estimate by:

- +0.31% for employment
- +1.83% for the unemployment rate

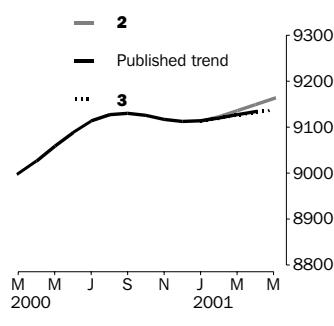
3 The May seasonally adjusted estimate is lower than the April estimate by:

- -0.31% for employment
- -1.83% for the unemployment rate

4 The May seasonally adjusted estimate results in a revised April trend estimate which is identical to the new May trend estimate.

The percentage changes of 0.31% and 1.83% were chosen because they represent the average absolute monthly percentage changes in employment and the unemployment rate respectively.

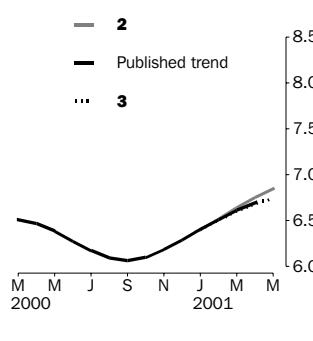
EMPLOYMENT ('000)



WHAT IF NEXT MONTH'S SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATE IS:

	1 TREND AS PUBLISHED	2 i.e. the same as Apr 2001	3 i.e. rises by 0.31%	4 i.e. falls by 0.31%	4 i.e. same trend for Apr & May
2001					
February	9 120.0	9 121.5	9 122.8	9 120.2	9 118.3
March	9 127.5	9 131.3	9 135.5	9 127.0	9 120.8
April	9 135.3	9 140.7	9 148.7	9 132.7	9 120.9
May (new)	—	9 150.8	9 162.8	9 138.8	9 120.9

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)



WHAT IF NEXT MONTH'S SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATE IS:

	1 TREND AS PUBLISHED	2 i.e. the same as Apr 2001	3 i.e. rises by 1.83%	4 i.e. falls by 1.83%	4 i.e. same trend for Apr & May
2001					
February	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5
March	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.5
April	6.7	6.7	6.8	6.7	6.6
May (new)	—	6.8	6.9	6.7	6.6

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